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News Tracker ... What's new with old news

States

Los Alamos lab: Two former Los Alamos National Laboratory employees accused of being part of a purchasing scandal that rocked the nuclear lab two years ago have pleaded guilty to charges of conspiracy and mail fraud.

Peter Bussolini, 66, and Scott Alexander, 42, each entered guilty pleas Monday. U.S. District Judge James Parker said he would not formally accept the deal until he receives a pre-sentencing report.

The two were fired in December 2002 after being accused of making hundreds of thousands of dollars in questionable purchases using a lab account.

World

School seizure: The head of a parliamentary commission in Moscow investigating last month's school hostage crisis on Tuesday questioned officials' contention that the raiders were using narcotics, saying he believes they were deranged by an unknown drug. The prosecutor-general's office this week said autopsies of the terrorists who seized hundreds of hostages Sept. 1 at a school in the town of Beslan showed that several had higher-than-lethal doses of narcotics.

Narcotic drugs induced stupors and slow reactions, and commission head Alexander Torshin said he was uncomfortable with the prosecutor's office's contention.

Head scarves controversy: Sikhs must respect France's new law banning conspicuous religious signs from public schools, the education minister said Tuesday, as three Sikhs refusing to take off their turbans brought their case to court.

The Sikhs' case is the first known court action over the law since it took effect in September.

Education Minister Francois Fillon said there remain about 70 cases of students defying the law — mainly involving girls refusing to remove their Islamic head scarves — since the measure took effect.

Iran's nuclear program: The foreign ministers of Britain and Germany on Tuesday urged Iran to indefinitely suspend its nuclear program and avoid a showdown next month with the U.N. nuclear agency.

Foreign Secretary Jack Straw and his German counterpart Joschka Fischer said the international community lacked confidence in Iran, which last year agreed to suspend uranium enrichment but has since resumed testing and making centrifuges used in the process.



Mitsubishi safety: Employees at Mitsubishi Motors Corp. headquarters in Tokyo observe a moment of silence Tuesday on the anniversary of a 2002 accident in which a driver died after the brakes in his Mitsubishi truck failed due to a defect in the clutch system. The firm has been struggling to recover from a series of massive recalls for dozens of flaws that led to two fatal accidents and triggered concerns about the company's safety record. Mitsubishi pledged Tuesday to make safety its top priority.

Albania bus wreck: A road accident that killed 15 Kosovo students returning from neighboring Albania has not stopped other students from making a similar excursion, Albanian media reported Monday.

Another group of 100 Kosovo students from Urosevac, 25 miles south of Pristina came to Albania on Sunday, the Shekulli newspaper said.

"We are very sorry for our colleagues, but ... we want to go ahead," the newspaper quoted one student as saying.

Spain terror arrests: Police broke up a radical Muslim cell that had been plotting to blow up the Islamic terrorist, officials said Tuesday.

Seven suspects were arrested on Monday in Madrid and southern Spain, and one more Tuesday in the northern city of Pamplona.

North Korea nuclear talks: North Korea said it still wants to solve the dispute over its nuclear weapons programs through six-nation talks, after China urged it to respond to the "common wish" of the international community, a Chinese official said Tuesday.

Chinese leaders are lobbying North Korea's No. 2 leader, Kim Jong Nam, during a visit to Beijing to bring his country back to talks on demands that his country give up its nuclear ambitions.

Business

Coca-Cola anti-trust case: The European Union reached a settlement Tuesday of its long-running antitrust case against The Coca-Cola Co. under which the world's biggest soft-drink company agreed to change sales practices that helped it win roughly half the market in Europe.

The changes include an end to exclusivity arrangements with stores or restaurants and allowing rival drinks into Coke-branded coolers, Monti said.

War on terrorism

Guantanamo review tribunals: A U.S. military review panel on Monday issued decisions on seven detainees at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, ordering them to remain in custody as so-called enemy combatants, an official said.

There have been 183 review hearings so far and 96 decisions have been announced, said Navy Lt. Cmdr. Darby Borquitt, a spokesman for the Combatant Status Review Tribunals.

The review panels have so far released one prisoner after deciding he was improperly held for more than two years as an "enemy combatant," a classification giving fewer legal protections than that of a prisoner of war.

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Tokage pelts Okinawa, moves on to Japan

BY DAVE ORNAUER

Stars and Stripes

CAMP FOSTER, Okinawa — After lashing Okinawa with high winds and heavy rain, Typhoon Tokage, rapidly losing strength and picking up directional speed, headed toward Japan's Kyushu island late Tuesday.

Meanwhile, Typhoon Nock-Ten kept tracking gradually southward, and it appeared the 28th storm of the northeast Pacific typhoon season might spare Guam and other Marianas Islands from its nastiest weather.

Tokage turned hard toward the northeast Tuesday morning after tracking northwest for several days before, drenching Okinawa from Itoya to Cape Hedo with sheet after sheet of rain.

Kadena Air Base recorded more than 4 inches of rain and wind gusts as high as 72 mph at 11:55 a.m., said Lt. John Hurley of Kadena's 18th Weather Flight. One wind gust of 89 mph was reported at Futenma Marine Corps Air Station, 10 miles southwest of Kadena.

"The storm is picking up a little speed and is diminishing in strength," Hurley said. "The water temperature is in the mid-70s. Not a good environment for a tropical storm."

U.S. bases on Okinawa entered Tropical Cyclone Condition of Readiness I-Caution at 3:25 a.m. and Condition I-Emergency at 5:05 a.m., after which outside activity was prohibited.

There were no reports of damage or injury from U.S. military au-

thorities by midnight Tuesday. Outside the gates, however, everything pretty much shut down.

Naha International Airport closed and more than 260 flights were canceled, stranding at least 32,000 passengers.

Japanese media reported at least six people, many elderly, were hurt. Two suffered head injuries from windblown objects or from being blown over by the wind. Others got their fingers caught in windblown doors.

At least 45 families in six villages were evacuated from their homes to designated shelters.

TV broadcasts and news Web sites showed images of trees blown into the streets of Itoya, south of the prefectural capital of Naha.

Scattered power outages affecting at least 8,400 residences were

reported in 22 villages. All ferries and ships were ordered to stay in port. All local schools closed for the day, and bus and monorail services were suspended.

Tokage, a Japanese word for the constellation Lacerta, or lizard, next turned its attention toward Kyushu, home of Sasebo Naval Base, and Iwakuni Marine Corps Air Station to the north near Hiroshima on Honshu island.

Weather officials at Iwakuni said the base was placed in TCCOR-3 Tuesday afternoon. The Joint Typhoon Warning Center forecast the storm to pass 184 miles east of Sasebo at noon Wednesday and 138 miles east of Iwakuni at 6 p.m. Wednesday, with sustained winds of 69 mph and gusts up to 86 mph at its center.

Next up on Typhoon Alley is

Nock-Ten, which was 288 miles southwest of Guam at midnight Guam time Tuesday, tracking due west at 9 mph with sustained winds of 104 mph and gusts up to 127 at its center.

Nock-Ten, a Laotian word for bird, has drifted far enough south that forecasters project it to pass 125 miles south of U.S. Naval Station Guam and 154 miles south of Andersen Air Force Base by 9 p.m. Wednesday, with sustained winds of 127 mph and gusts up to 155 mph.

No warnings were posted for Guam by the National Weather Service as of Tuesday evening. The Pacific Daily News reported that winds of up to 70 mph were expected on the south part of the island and less than 58 mph elsewhere.

E-mail Typhoon tracker to this report.

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Mark Allen, left, director of the Family Team Building Department of Iwakuni Marine Corps Air Station's Marine Corps Community Services, and Melissa Young, the department's program specialist, have started a support group for spouses of servicemembers.

GREG TYLER
Stars and Stripes



Iwakuni families get new pace to turn for support

BY GREG TYLER

Stars and Stripes

IWAKUNI MARINE CORPS AIR STATION, Japan — A new support group is gearing up to help spouses and family members strained by prolonged absence of loved ones because of deployment and temporary duty assignments.

The Spouses of Deployed Servicemembers Support Group met for the first time on Oct. 7.

"And that was our only meeting so far, so we are just getting it rolling," said Melissa Young, program specialist for Iwakuni's Marine Corps Community Services Family Team Building office.

"The whole point was to get together and see what is needed," she said.

The group began to materialize after a spouse in the community told a base chaplain she perceived a need. Mark Allen, director of the MCCS Family Team Building office,

Spouses in Iwakuni told the Family Team Building staff their biggest challenge during times of deployment is handling their children as "single parents" while also struggling with separation from their spouses.

Support for spouses of servicemembers begins, Allen said, with Key Volunteer Coordinators in each unit, the Marine Corps program that serves much the same role as the Navy's Volunteer Ombudsman Program. The volunteers are information liaisons between the commands and families.

Young brings a definite approach to supporting spouses in the group, and much of it centers on taking the initiative to acquire information.

"The big push is to be proactive. You have to get out of your house. You need to go out and find out what's in the area," she said when discussing the new group at the Family Team Building office last week. "If you haven't been contacted by your Key Volunteers, you need to go out and find out who they are. You have to let people here know what it is you're looking for, and chances are this base has it for you."

"There's a plethora of programs and activities available. That's what we want to offer. This is what we want them to be able to do," Young said.

A major benefit of such a group, Young and Allen agreed, is that the meetings will stimulate networking among spouses, encouraging the sharing of experiences and advice. "The group can open new lines of communication," Young added.

The group's name is a misnomer, a base spokesman said. Few Iwakuni servicemembers actually are "deployed" to military operations such as in Iraq. But spouses of servicemembers and civilians on temporary assigned duty are welcome. Spouses of personnel involved in military exercises, or who are away from their families receiving additional training or attending specialized schools, also are invited.

Allen said the next meeting would occur sometime next month after significant advance publicity in the community. "We've tentatively decided on meeting once per month, but that could change depending on the need," he said.

Meetings are to be held in Yujo Hall, directly to the right of the chapel.

Call the Iwakuni MCCS Family Team Building office at DSN 253-3754 for additional information.

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Bush earmarks funds for humanitarian aid to N. Korean refugees

Pyeongyang: Move proves America has plans to 'overthrow' its system

BY JOSEPH GIORDANO

Stars and Stripes

SEOUL — Despite concern it could throw another wrench into talks to end North Korea's nuclear weapons program, President Bush signed into law Tuesday a measure providing money and other aid for organizations seeking to protect human rights in North Korea.

The North Korean Human Rights Act of 2004 provides at least \$20 million a year through 2008 for humanitarian aid for refugees, many living in China. It also gives asylum status to North Korean refugees and defectors.

The law will "promote human rights and freedom in North Korea, and authorize humanitarian assistance to North Koreans," read a White House statement.

North Korea reportedly holds upwards of 200,000 people in political prison camps, human rights groups have said. The South Korean government says about 5,000 North Koreans have defected since the end of the Korean War and an estimated two million starved to death during 1990s famines.

While human rights groups in the United States and South Korea have the same goal, it is a possible stumbling block in six-nation talks seeking to resolve the nuclear situation. North Korea has said it will not make concessions until the "hostile policies of the United States are dropped."

On Tuesday, the North's official media outlets lashed out against human rights acts.

"The U.S. has left the dialogue and negotiation for the solution to

the nuclear issue meaningless by freely adopting the 'North Korean human rights act' and legally making the 'destruction' and 'overthrow' of the system of the DPRK its policy," read a Central News Agency story.

"It is like the midnight dream of a dog for the U.S. to seek to pull down and destroy the socialist system of the DPRK by brandishing such human rights acts as the 'North Korean Human Rights Act.' The Bush group would be well advised to stop the anti-DPRK moves, mindful of this," the story read.

Some analysts in South Korea said the North might follow up on its rhetorical opposition.

"To North Korea, the North Korean Human Rights Act may be viewed as the worst kind of measure, and a dog for the U.S. to seek to pull down and destroy the socialist system of the DPRK by brandishing such human rights acts," Baek Hak-soon, a North Korea expert at the Sejong Institute think tank, told the South's semi-official Yonhap news agency.

"The North-South relationship will also deteriorate, starting with suspensions of ministerial-level talks between the two countries," he said.

Others said that, sooner or later, the North would have to accept change if it wanted to end its international isolation.

"Because North Korea understands that it cannot choose self-isolation as its only choice, it could apply some positive changes to its system, as long as the changes do not threaten the very system," said Choi Eui-chul, of the state-run Korea Institute for National Unification.

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Rock, rap and ... readiness messages?

AFN radio station has unique format during Misawa's quarterly exercises

BY JENNIFER H. SVAN
Stars and Stripes

MISAWA AIR BASE, Japan — Country followed by rap. Barry Manilow and Weird Al Yankovic. It's a free-for-all at American Forces Network's "The Edge" radio station here this week, with all-request radio 24 hours a day.

There is a trade-off, however: Disc jockeys will play callers' favorite music — as long as the lyrics meet common decency standards — but they're also dishing out command information every time they pick up the mike.

It's called Readiness Radio, a unique radio format that comes to life when the 35th Fighter Wing conducts its quarterly exercises or in the event of a real-life crisis.

"The intent is to deliver targeted command information to the wing that is in sync with their contingency needs," said Master Sgt. Ron Przysucha, AFN Misawa detachment chief.

This week's contingency, scheduled to end Friday, is staged. It's an Initial Response Readiness Exercise, or IRRE, testing airmen's ability to quickly deploy to a fictional location. All 15 military members on the Edge radio staff work 12-hour shifts, taking turns as DJs and producing commercials and announcements exclusively geared toward the ongoing exercise.

"If the commissary is having a case lot sale, we probably won't mention it," Przysucha said. "We try to stay in character."

DJs, in a studio draped with camouflage netting, talk about living wills, immunizations, self-aid buddy care, what to pack in a mobility bag, paying off bills before a deployment and other topics on which airmen may be tested during an IRRE. Their material comes straight from the Airman's Manual, reinforcing information airmen should know but may not

remember or have to time to read.

The broadcasters try to keep listeners interested by giving away prizes for requesting songs, correctly answering readiness trivia or spicing up dry topics with some humor.

"Ladies, having your man stolen from you does not count," said Staff Sgt. Stephanie Csornok, the detachment's noncommissioned officer in charge of radio, while explaining the definition of "deadly force" over the airwaves Tuesday.

The Readiness Radio concept is unique to Pacific Air Forces, if not the Air Force, officials say.

"I've done nine bases overseas in 22 years of service, and I have not seen (American Forces Radio and Television Service) do this anywhere," I've been," said Misawa spokesman Capt. John Haynes. "In addition to getting the word out, they encourage people to call in, to get involved, to be a part of what's going out over the air."

The service, he said, is especially helpful for airmen working in isolated locations or shifts during the exercise, who might otherwise be bored.

Przysucha brought Readiness Radio to Misawa about a year ago. Outside the purview of the wing, AFN is not required to take part in wing exercises, Przysucha said. But Przysucha, a veteran broadcaster with stints in Afghanistan, Bosnia and Iraq, has seen firsthand the vital role AFN can play during contingencies.

"It's absolutely what keeps people alive downrange," he said. "There are so many hazards out there, so many things that can hurt you, that if you don't know about it, you will become a casualty. It's information you need to keep safe."

Readiness Radio not only trains

military journalists for deployment, but it also contributes to the wing mission during an exercise, Przysucha added.

"I've been in a war-time situation, and this is a lot of the same stuff we talk about," said Csornok, referring to her 2001 stint in Bosnia.

On a lighter note, Csornok re-

minded Edge radio listeners that the station has 45,000 songs in its library.

"We have played everything from Barry Manilow to Weird Al Yankovic — we don't care," she said.

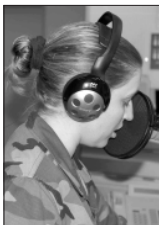
Przysucha, who's staffing the airwaves from 2 a.m. to 4 a.m. this week, said the phones at cer-

tain hours ring nonstop for requests.

"I did two hours this morning and I didn't have to pick one song," he said.

Not all phone calls, however, are to request a song.

"Is the exercise over yet? That's probably our most common question," Przysucha said. E-mail Jennifer H. Svan at: svanj@stprnews.osd.mil



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Staff Sgt. Stephanie Csornok broadcasts Tuesday during Readiness Radio.



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Family violence seminar succeeds on 2nd try

BY NANCY MONTGOMERY
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YOKOSUKA NAVAL BASE, Japan — The second time — and at least 12 hours of phone calls — was the charm for Cynthia Byas-Turner to pack them in at a family violence seminar.

Armed with a telephone, a strong index finger and a firm belief in her cause, Byas-Turner gathered a standing-room-only crowd Tuesday at Jyubaru Tower for a film and discussion about abused women and children, and what people should do to help.

"We had a great discussion," said Byas-Turner, a family advocacy education specialist who works for the Fleet and Fam-

ily Support Center. "People just seemed very interested. I'm hoping they take away with the understanding that this is a community issue."

The seminar was the second of three public events to help raise awareness of domestic violence and its pervasiveness and dynamics and offer suggestions for intervention.

Forty-six people — ship ombudsmen, command master chiefs, chaplains, school officials and a variety of others, Byas-Turner said — came for the nearly two-hour session. They also had lunch, paid for by the USS Kitty Hawk Officers' Spouses' Club. "The pizza was gone. I think there was one hot wing," Byas-Turner said.

It was a welcome change from the first time.

On Oct. 5, despite coffee and cookies for 40 and scores of e-mails sent to most base commands, just one person showed up: the ombudsman for the USS Kitty Hawk strike group.

The events are put on by Fleet and Family Support during October as participation in Domestic Violence Awareness Month.

One last event is planned. From 11 a.m. until 2:30 p.m. on Oct. 29, Byas-Turner said others will be handing out pamphlets about domestic violence, as well as magnets and T-shirts with a domestic violence theme.

"If a woman is being abused, she'll look at the literature and think, 'Those people care and they're not going to think it's my

fault,'" Byas-Turner said. "That's why I've been out in the rain. For those silent victims. The ones crying in the dark. It's, 'Hey, we're here.'"

There are no comprehensive statistics on the incidence of domestic abuse on Yokosuka Naval Base, but some studies have indicated higher rates of family violence in military families than in the larger U.S. population.

Byas-Turner said some of the people she called weren't excited about attending, in part because they didn't sense a need.

"They were, like, 'I don't have this issue.' Well, I'm happy for you. However, let's get more information so you can help the fellow down the street," she said.

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JASDF chief awarded Legion of Merit

Pakistan aid mission, role in terror war cited

By TERI WEAVER
Stars and Stripes

YOKOTA AIR BASE, Japan — The chief of staff of the Japan Air Self-Defense Force received a top U.S. Air Force award Tuesday recognizing his leadership in humanitarian efforts in the Middle East and the Japanese military's commitment to the war in Iraq.

Pacific Air Forces commander Gen. Paul V. Hester presented Gen. Yoshimitsu Tsunagari with the U.S. Air Force Legion of Merit at Yokota's Hangar 15. The ceremony marked the first time the award was presented to a Japanese commander in his native land.

"It is my great honor to receive this from the president of the United States," Tsunagari said through a translator in front of air men and civilians with the 5th Air Force and the 374th Airlift Wing. "I am receiving this on behalf of all of the JASDF staff members."

The award recognized Tsunagari's role in leading JASDF to become a "global player in worldwide operations" and called him "the driving force" in deploying Japanese C-130s to Kuwait to help with rebuilding Iraq.

During the short ceremony, Hester commended Tsunagari for his leadership in giving



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Pacific Air Forces commander Gen. Paul V. Hester, left, congratulates Japan Air Self-Defense Force Chief of Staff Gen. Yoshimitsu Tsunagari after presenting Tsunagari with the U.S. Air Force Legion of Merit on Tuesday at Yokota Air Base, Japan.

ing humanitarian aid to people in Pakistan before the war in Afghanistan. Hester also praised the general's work to modernize the JASDF and his willingness to participate in combined training in Alaska and Guam.

"We have received great assistance from the United States Air Force," Tsunagari said after the ceremony, noting that he hopes to continue work with the United States in intelligence gathering and other initiatives.

After the ceremony, Hester said he was glad the award was presented at Yokota so that other Japanese military leaders could attend. He also said he hoped the location would draw attention from Japanese people and strengthen relations between the two countries.

"Clearly, when our nation wants to say thank you to a specific leader," Hester said, "it is much better that the recognition be in that country."

Gen. John P. Jumper, the U.S. Air Force's chief of staff, chose to give the award to Tsunagari, Hester said after the ceremony. Hester said the award is given to foreign military leaders infrequently. "That obviously dictates to us all how special it is," Hester said.

The Legion of Merit award was created by the U.S. Congress in 1942 and is awarded to U.S. Armed Forces members and to high-ranking members of foreign military forces who perform difficult duties of operational importance for the Air Force or the Department of Defense.

Tsunagari has been JASDF chief of staff since March 2003.

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Yokota inspection

YOKOTA AIR BASE, Japan — A team of Pacific Air Forces inspectors will put Yokota's environmental, safety and bioenvironmental procedures to the test during an Oct. 25-Nov. 2 inspection.

The team will focus on 25 checklist items as it visits workplaces and housing areas during the Environmental Safety and Occupational Health Compliance Assessment Management Program, according to a base news report.

Base personnel have been preparing for the inspection for months, according to the report, with unit coordinators visiting areas, noting discrepancies and then fixing them.

Donna Collier, 374th Civil Engineer Squadron environmental flight chief, commended the cost housing area in the report. Collier and 374th Mission Support Group deputy commander Col. Marc Laiten inspected the housing area and discovered proper trash separation and cleanliness.

Maj. William Hurtle, 374th Aerospace Medicine Squadron environmental coordinator, stated in the report that the medical group has conducted several walk-throughs focusing on things such as occupational health hazards.

The PACAF team will compile checklist results into a report to be provided to the wing's leadership, the news report stated.

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Seminar: Participants get pizza, tips on prevention of violence

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"Even though it might not be your issue, perhaps it's a neighbor or a cousin or a colleague. We talked about it being not only the community's responsibility but an individual's responsibility to speak up and speak out. To not say anything — that's how we perpetuate domestic violence."

A handful of people at the seminar did say they'd come into contact with family violence, including a woman who called security when she heard neighbors fighting. Base counselors say that's how they get many of their referrals.

And Byas-Turner related her

own story of how she intervened in an ugly scene at the commissary, where an angry woman was screaming at her 3-year-old and had put her fist in front of the child's face.

"It's everyone's responsibility to protect our children. I refused to just keep walking by," Byas-Turner said.

So she walked up to the woman and asked, "Do you know where the corn flakes are?"

"It was so out of the blue, it allowed her the opportunity to catch her breath," Byas-Turner said. "I looked back, and she and her child were laughing."

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MWR awards for Sasebo

Three Navy Morale, Welfare and Recreation professionals from Sasebo Naval Base, Japan, received 2004 Armed Forces Recreation Society awards at the annual awards breakfast Oct. 12 in Reno, Nev.

From Sasebo's shore command, Allison Foo, MWR marketing director, and Gary Elliott, warehouse foreman, won Behind the Scenes awards. The honor is presented to personnel who work "behind the scenes" in a support services mission yet "play a vital role in the successful delivery of recreation programs and services," a Navy release stated Tuesday.

Raymond Santiago, afloat recreation specialist attached to the USS Essex, won the John "Pat" Hadden Practitioner Award. The honor recognizes "supervisory and managerial professionals who work in armed forces recreation at the operations level," the release stated.

Ten awards in five categories were presented. "I believe Sasebo

is the only facility from which three nominees won one of the awards," Foo said Tuesday.

Housing deal OK'd

The Japan-U.S. Joint Committee on Monday approved an agreement reached in September to return part of the U.S. Navy facilities in Yokohama City to Japan and to build housing units at Ikego housing area, Japanese officials have said.

The Japan-U.S. Joint Committee, involving U.S. military officials and Japanese government officials, finalized an agreement to return the Pakaya Communication Site, Tomioka Storage Area and part of Kamiseya Communication Station as well as a segment of Ikego Housing Area and Navy Annex in Yokohama City. Also agreed was that Negishi Housing Area would be returned to Japanese control after 700 housing units and support facilities are built at the Ikego housing area.

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Bush: Iraq will not mirror post-WWII Europe

BY TOM RAUM

The Associated Press

ABOARD AIR FORCE ONE — President Bush says he doesn't envision a long-term presence of U.S. troops in Iraq, similar to post-World War II deployments in Europe and South Korea that continue today.

"I think the Iraqi people want us to leave once we've helped them get on the path of stability and democracy and once we have trained their troops to do their own hard work," Bush said Monday in a wide-ranging interview with The Associated Press.

Still, Bush said, "It's very difficult for me to predict what forces will exist, although I will tell you that Iraq's leadership has made it quite clear that they can manage their own affairs at the appropriate time."

If free and open Iraqi elections lead to the seating of a fundamentalist Islamic government, "I will be disappointed. But democracy is democracy," Bush said. "If that's what the people choose,



President Bush answers a question Monday aboard Air Force One during an interview with The Associated Press.

that's what the people choose."

Bush steered nearly all questions dealing with Iraq to criticism of rival Sen. John Kerry just two weeks before a U.S. election

that polls show to be close.

As to reports that Gen. Ricardo Sanchez, the former top general of U.S. forces in Iraq, had warned nearly a year ago of supply problems in Iraq, Bush said, "There's a chain of command. When the commanders on the ground say they need more, we respond as quickly as possible," Bush said.

"He was asking about much-needed supplies. The Congress had an opportunity to vote on funding to get those supplies in the pipeline. And my opponent voted against that funding," Bush said.

"What he needs to do is address why he voted against the \$87 billion [war spending request]," Bush said.

Kerry, D-Mass., voted against the \$87 billion request in October 2003, and Congress gave its final approval to the measure in November. A memo written by Sanchez asking for more equipment, according to a post in Monday's Washington Post, came a month later.

Kerry used the Sanchez inci-

dent to deliver fresh criticism of the president's Iraq policy.

In his first interview since three debates with Kerry, Bush sat in his cabin on Air Force One, relaxing in shirt sleeves in a leather chair on a flight from Washington to New Jersey. Although Democrats have carried the state in every presidential election since 1988, Bush said, "We have a shot

Bush said he would not pass judgment on a unit of Army reservists who refused a mission on grounds that it would be too dangerous. The Army announced last week it was investigating up to 19 members of a platoon from a company based in South Carolina after they refused a supply mission.

"That's up to the military. The military will take the appropriate action on both their concerns as well as their actions," Bush said.

Asked whether the defiance reflected larger concerns among U.S. troops in Iraq, Bush said, "I need to know more about that. I understand this is a very rare incident."

Bush served in the Texas Air National Guard during the Vietnam War but did not go overseas.

The president spent the night in St. Petersburg Beach, Florida, and was campaigning across Florida on Tuesday.

Asked whether he thought another overtime election was possible, like the 2000 contest that led to a recount of Florida ballots and

a U.S. Supreme Court decision in Bush's favor, the president said, "Having gone through one election that didn't end until mid-December, I certainly hope we don't have to go through another."

"And so, therefore we will do everything we can to maximize our vote," he added with a smile.

On other topics, Bush:

- Said Iran and North Korea, both with nuclear ambitions, are dangerous states, but not necessarily so long as they were elected. He said the strategy he has followed "makes them less likely to take action that would make the world more dangerous."

- Insisted he would not bring back the military draft, even if there were a crisis with North Korea or Iran. "I believe we've got the assets and manpower necessary to be able to deal with anything that should one arise," the president said.

- Criticized Kerry, as Vice President Dick Cheney and his wife, Lynne, had done, for mentioning during last week's debate that one of Cheney's daughters is a lesbian. "I thought it was over the line," Bush said.

- Said government officials remained concerned about the possibility of a terrorist attack before the Nov. 2 election. "We have no specific threat information. Otherwise we would have let everybody know. On the other hand we are on alert," he said, mentioning the train bombing in Madrid before Spain's elections.

Italians won't redeploy inside Iraq

ROME — The Italian defense minister on Tuesday ruled out that Italian troops in Iraq, currently based in the southern part of the country, will redeploy near Baghdad, as some British troops have been asked to do in Italian news reports said.

The comments by Antonio Martino were made hours after the British government said it is strongly considering a U.S. request to redeploy some British troops closer to Baghdad so the insurgency in central Iraq can be dealt with ahead of Iraqi elections.

The United States has asked Britain to move a small number of troops to free up American forces for anti-insurgency operations.

The British troops are based in southern Iraq. Italy, however, has so far received no similar request by Washington, the Italian Defense Ministry said Tuesday.

Italy has about 3,000 troops — the U.S.-led coalition's third largest force — based in the southern city of Nasiriyah. The south is relatively peaceful, compared to a volatile and more violent rest of the country.

No pleas from soldiers in drowning

FORT HOOD, Texas — Two soldiers accused in the drowning of an Iraqi civilian declined to enter pleas at their arraignment in military court Tuesday.

1st Lt. Jack Saville and Sgt. 1st Class Tracy Perkins of the 4th Infantry Division face courts-martial on charges of involuntary manslaughter, assault, making false official statements and obstruction of justice.

Perkins' trial date was set for Oct. 26 and Saville's will start in January. Both men on Tuesday deferred their pleas and did not say whether they want to be tried by a judge or a military jury.

U.S. praises Pakistan's efforts in terror war

ISLAMABAD, Pakistan — A senior U.S. official conveyed Washington's appreciation on Tuesday for Pakistan's role in the fight against terrorism and this month's presidential election in Afghanistan, a Cabinet minister said.

In talks with President Gen. Pervez Musharraf and other officials, U.S. Assistant Secretary of State for South Asia Christina Rocca also encouraged Pakistan to continue peace negotiations with India, Information Minister Sheikh Rashid Ahmed said.

Rocca thanked Islamabad for capturing hundreds of terror suspects after the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks in the United States, he said.

"Rocca, during this meeting, conveyed our government's appreciation for Pakistan's role in the fight against terrorism," he said.

Ahmed said Rocca also praised Pakistan for tightening security near the Afghan border before the Oct. 9 presidential election in Afghanistan, so that insurgents could not sneak across the frontier to disrupt the vote.

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BY BRIAN ROSS, DAVID SCOTT AND MADDY SAUER

ABC News/Primetime Live

Following inquiries by ABC News, the Pentagon has dropped plans to force a severely wounded U.S. soldier to repay his enlistment bonus after injuries forced him out of the service.

Army Spc. Tyson Johnson III of Mobile, Ala., who lost a kidney in a mortar attack last year in Iraq, was still recovering at Walter Reed Army Medical Center in Washington, D.C., when he received notice from the Pentagon's collection agency that he owed more than \$2,700 because he could not fulfill his 36-month tour of duty.

Johnson said the Pentagon listed the bonus on his credit report as an unpaid government loan, making it impossible for him to rent an apartment or obtain credit cards.

"Oh man, I felt betrayed," Johnson said. "I felt, like, oh, my heart dropped."

Pentagon officials said they were unaware of the case until it was brought to their attention by ABC News. "Some faceless bureaucrat" was responsible for Johnson's predicament, said Gen. Franklin "Buster" Hagenebeck, a three-star general and the Army's deputy chief of staff for personnel.

"It's absolutely unacceptable. It's intolerable," said Hagenebeck. "I mean, I'm incredulous when I hear those kinds of things. I just can't believe that we allow that to happen. And we're not going to let it happen."

The Department of Defense and the Army intervened to have the collection action against Johnson stopped, Hagenebeck said.

"It was told today he's not going to have a nickel taken from him," he said. "And I will tell you that we'll keep a microscope on this one to see the outcome."

'Not so good'

Hagenebeck also pledged to look into the cases of the other soldiers ABC News brought to the military's attention, including men who lost limbs and their former livelihoods after serving in Iraq.

"When you're in the military, they take care of you," said the 23-year-old Johnson. "But now that I'm a vet, and, you know, I'm out of the military — not so good. Not so good."

Johnson had been flying high last September, after being promoted from Army private first class to specialist in a field ceremony in Iraq. Inspired by his father's naval background to join the military after high school, Tyson planned a career in the military and the promotion was just the first step. But only a week after the ceremony in Iraq, Johnson was wounded by a mortar round exploding outside his tent brought him quickly back to Earth.

"It was like warm water running down my arms," he said. "But it was Johnson said."

In addition to the lost kidney, shrapnel damaged Johnson's lung and heart and entered the back of his head. Field medical reports said he was not expected to live more than 72 hours.

With the help of Army surgeons, he survived. As he recuperated, however, Johnson faced perhaps an even greater obstacle than physical pain or injuries — military bureaucracy.

Part of the warrior ethos, the soldier's creed of the U.S. Army, is to "never leave a fallen comrade."

"And it doesn't just pertain to the battlefield," Hagenebeck said. "It means, when we get them home, they're a part of the Army family forever."

But Johnson now lives in his car. It is where he spends most of his days, all of his nights, in constant pain from his injuries and unwilling to burden his family.

Better off dead?

Stories like Tyson Johnson's are not unique.

Many of the severely wounded soldiers returning from Iraq face the prospect of poverty and what they describe as official indifference and incompetence.

"Guys I've met, talking to people, they'd be better off financially for their families if they had died as opposed to coming back maimed," said Staff Sgt. Ryan Kelly, who served as a civil affairs specialist for the Army while in Iraq.

On July 14, 2003, the Abilene, Texas, native had been on his way to a meeting about rebuilding schools in Iraq when his unarmored Humvee was blown up. A piece of shrapnel the size of a TV remote took his right leg off, below the knee, almost completely, Kelly said.

Kelly attests to receiving excellent medical care at Ward 57, the amputee section of Walter Reed, but said he quickly realized that the military had no real plan for the injured soldiers. Many had to borrow money or depend on charities just to have relatives visit at Walter Reed, Kelly said.

"It's not what I expected to see when I got here," he said. "These guys having to, you know, basically panhandle for money to afford things."

No answer

Perhaps as a sign of the grim outlook facing many of these wounded soldiers, Staff Sgt. Peter Damon, a National Guards member from Brockton, Mass., said he is grateful for being a double amputee.

"Well, in a way, I'm kind of lucky losing both arms because I've been told I'll probably get 100 percent disability," he said.

Damon, a mechanic and electrician, lost both arms in an explosion as he was repairing a helicopter in Iraq. He initially woke up in the hospital worried and anxious to learn that both forms of livelihood were taken away from him.

"Now what am I doing to do?" Damon said, faced with the prospect of supporting



Tyson Johnson III lost a kidney when a mortar round exploded outside his tent in Iraq last year. An attempt by the Pentagon to recover his service bonus destroyed his credit rating and left him unable to rent an apartment, so he lives in his car.

his wife, Jennifer, and two children. "I can't do either, none of those, with no hands."

The military does provide a lump sum payment for such catastrophic injuries. And Damon still has not heard from the military about what they plan to give in terms of monthly disability payments.

The last time Damon asked about the payments, he was told by the military that his paperwork had been lost.

"And then when I went to go back to inquire about it again, just to ask a question, I just wanted to see if they had found my paperwork, I was told I had to make an appointment and to come back five days later," he said.

A failing system?

Staff Sgt. Larry Gill, a guardsman from Semmes, Ala., wonders whether his 20 years of military service have been adequately rewarded.

Last October, Gill injured his left leg during a protest outside a mosque in Baghdad. A protester threw a hand grenade that left Gill, a former policeman, with his leg intact but useless. He received a Purple Heart, but no program, plan or proposal of how to make a living in civilian life.

"It's not fair, and I'm not complaining," Gill said. "I'm not whining about it. You know, I just, I just don't think people really understand what we're being faced with."

Gill expects he will have to sell his home, the dream house he and his wife, Leah, designed and built, where they raised their children.

"I've never questioned my orders," he said. "I've slept with rats and stood in the rain and wondered why I was standing in the rain, and you know, for my children to have to do without based on a lack of income from me, it's frustrating."

Leah Gill agreed.

"I just don't feel we should have to uproot because of an injury that he received while he was serving the country," she said. "It shouldn't come down to that."

Gill and the others in Ward 57 have had their pictures taken frequently with visiting politicians.

"Where are the politicians? Where are the generals?" he asked. "Where are the people that are supposed to take care of me?"

Help and care will be forthcoming, Hagenebeck promised.

"There in fact was a plan," he said. "But again, it was not integrated in a seamless fashion that it was to be. And that was not even, really, to be honest with you, recognized probably until sometime about a year ago. And these soldiers actually brought it to our attention about the transition problems."

Loyal soldiers

To help these neglected soldiers, Hagenebeck said, the military created an advocate program in April called Disabled Soldier Support System, or DSS. The network is set up to fight for a soldier's benefits and entitlements, ease transition to civilian life, and deal with any other problems facing a disabled soldier, according to Hagenebeck.

But still there are soldiers like Johnson who fall through the cracks.

His mother, Willie Jean Johnson, worries her son may hurt himself.

"He's not going to say anything bad about the Army," she said. "I have never heard him say anything bad about it. But you can see the hurt in his eyes. You can see the hurt from his heart in his eyes."

Johnson said he usually keeps to himself, preferring to protect his son from seeing him in his current state. "I'd rather be to myself than to flare at somebody else and, you know, and hurt someone that I know I really love," he said.

One year after he was nearly killed in combat, the Pentagon has yet to send Johnson his Purple Heart medal.

The Pentagon collection notices, however, arrive without fail.

As to Kelly's discovery that he and his wounded comrades had to beg and borrow to pay for their loved ones to visit while they recuperate, Hagenebeck said a new policy just went into effect to alleviate part of the problem.

"There was no system in place to support them in their needs. And I'll be honest with you, until it came to our attention, to people that were paying attention, and then those that wanted to help, that obstacle was there," Hagenebeck said.

Incredibly, these soldiers remain dedicated to the military despite all they have endured.

"Even though the way I'm being treated, you know, as a vet, I'd still go back in," Johnson said. "I would."

"I love being a soldier," Kelly said. "I don't regret what happened. If I had to go back to Iraq knowing that there was that chance of losing my leg, I'd do it. Because that's what the nation asked me to do."

Jessica Wang contributed to this report.

Where to get help

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The Disabled Soldier Support System, or DSS, is a \$1 million project to link badly disabled soldiers with the many government and private programs already in place to assist them.

DSS is introduced April 30 as a joint project between the Department of Defense and the Department of Veterans Affairs.

Servicemen, veterans, spouses, parents and friends can call 800-833-6622

or go to www.armyDSS.org for information.

The military defines "badly disabled" as having a 30 percent or more disability rating, which includes injuries such as amputations, blindness or disfigurement. Col. Jacqueline Cummo, chief of the DSS Task Force, told Stripes in April.

But the program is designed to accommodate any badly injured servicemen, whether the wounds are combat-related or not, and no matter how long ago the person was hurt, Cummo said.



Left: Spc. George Perez's boot sits near the wreckage of an 82nd Airborne Division Humvee that hit a bomb in Fallujah, Iraq, in Sept. 2003.

Above: Physical therapist Lt. Justin Laferriere passes along information to Perez.



Perez of the Army's 1st Brigade, 504th Parachute Infantry Regiment watches other soldiers begin their physical training at Fort Bragg, N.C., in September.

No less of a man, no less of a soldier

Specialist determined to get back into action after losing his leg in Iraq

BY ESTES THOMPSON
The Associated Press

FORT BRAGG, N.C. George Perez still feels the sweat between his toes when he exercises. He's still plagued with nagging cramps in his calf muscle. And sometimes, when he gets out of bed at night without thinking, he topples over.

Spc. Perez, 21, lost his leg to a roadside bomb in Iraq more than a year ago, but despite the phantom pains that haunt him, he says he is determined to prove to the Army that he is no less of a man — and no less of a soldier.

"I'm not ready to get out yet," he says. "I'm not going to let this little injury stop me from what I want to do."

Perez is one of at least four amputees from the elite 82nd Airborne Division to re-enlist. With a new carbon-fiber prosthetic leg, Perez intends to show a medical board he can run an eight-minute mile, jump out of airplanes and pass all the other paratrooper tests that will allow him to go with his regiment to Afghanistan next year.

On Sept. 14, 2003, Perez, of Carteret, N.J., and seven other members of his squad were rumbling down a road outside Fallujah when a bomb blast rocked their Humvee. Perez recalls flying through the air and hitting the ground hard.

The blast killed one of Perez's comrades. Perez felt surprisingly little pain, but when he tried to get up, he couldn't.

He saw that his left foot was folded backward onto his knee. His size 12½ combat boot stood in the dusty road a few feet away, still laced.

A photograph of Perez's lonely boot transmitted around the world and spread across two pages of Time magazine became a stark reminder that the war in Iraq was far from over.

Doctors initially tried to save part of Perez's foot. But an infection crept up his leg, and Perez agreed to allow the amputation below the knee joint.

"I was going to stay in no matter what," he recalls telling the surgeons. "Do whatever would get me back fastest."

Perez was left with a rounded stump that fits into the suction cup of the black carbon-fiber prosthetic leg.

When he arrived at Walter Reed Army Medical Center in Washington, D.C., for his rehabilitation, Perez asked a pair of generals who visited his bedside if it was possible for him to stay in the Army.

"They told me, 'It's all up to you, how much you want it,'" he says. "If I could do everything like a regular soldier, I could stay in."

He wasted little time getting started. At one point, a visitor found him doing push-ups in bed. He trained himself to walk normally with his new leg, and then run with it.

Perez has to rise at least an hour earlier than his fellow soldiers to allow swelling from the previous day's training to subside enough for his stump to fit into the prosthetic.

But it is a comfort for Perez to know he's not alone.

At least three other paratroopers in the 82nd have lost limbs in

combat during the past two years and re-enlisted. One of them, Staff Sgt. Daniel Metzendorf, lost his right leg above the knee in a Jan. 27 blast. He appealed three times before the fitness board allowed him to stay on.

"I think it's a testimony to today's professional Army," says division commander Maj. Gen. Bill Caldwell. "I also think, deep down, it is a love for their other paratroopers."

In July, amputee program manager Chuck Scoville of Walter Reed told a congressional committee that amputations accounted for 2.4 percent of all wounded in action in the Iraq war — twice the rate in World Wars I and II.

Perez is one of about 160 servicemembers who have fought in Iraq and Afghanistan who have passed through Walter Reed's amputee patient program. The military says it does not track the number who choose to stay in the service.

"It isn't something that historically we had to deal with as a whole lot," says Lt. Col. Frank Christopher, the surgeon for the 82nd Airborne.

Today, Perez looks every bit the part of paratrooper — tall, in ripped-ab shape and serious-looking. His uniform is sharply creased, his maroon beret sits at an exact angle above one eye and the black leather boot on his good leg gleams with a mirror shine.

The only thing that sets him apart at a glance is the white running shoe on his prosthetic leg.

Perez has to go before another medical fitness board to determine whether he will be allowed to jump again. He also must pass the fitness test for his age — run two miles in less than 16 minutes and do at least 42 push-ups and 53 sit-ups in two-minute stretches.

For now, he must content himself with a job maintaining M-16s and M-4s, machine guns and grenade launchers in his company's armory. But his dream is to attend the grueling Ranger school at Fort Benning, Ga., a serious challenge to even the most able-bodied soldier.

"I got a lot of things to do," he said. "I want to do as much as I can, as much as they'll let me."

Allen G. Brend of The Associated Press contributed to this report.

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Military draft debate energizing young voters

BY RON FOURNIER

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — John Kerry says re-electing President Bush would create "the great potential of a draft." Not so, responds the incumbent: "The best way to avoid the draft is to vote for me."

The fact that both Bush and Kerry are on record opposing mandatory military service speaks volumes about the audience they're targeting — young voters. The voting rate and preferences of 18- to 30-year-olds may be the biggest wild card on Nov. 2.

"One of the things that have been puzzling us is how young voters will behave on Election Day," said Andrew Kohut, an independent pollster at the Pew Research Center. "They've been pretty volatile, sometimes strongly in Kerry's camp and other times driven back to Bush."

Young voters were divided between Bush and Kerry in polling conducted this month by Ipsos-Public Affairs for Newsweek.com and The Associated Press. Among likely voters under age 30, Kerry led 52 percent to 42 percent. Exit polls from the 2000 election showed that Bush roughly split the under-30 vote with Democrat Al Gore.

Traditionally, young Americans have been among the least likely to vote. Of the 24 million eligible voters ages 18 to 24 in 2000, only one-third of them cast ballots, according to the U.S. Census Bureau. This year, Kohut said his polling shows an increase of 15 percentage points over 2000 in the number of young people saying they're registered to vote.

The research also shows a spike in the number of youths who say they're likely to vote. Count Nick Ford among them. The 21-year-old George Washington University

student began the year favoring Bush but is now in Kerry's camp. "I don't like the war in Iraq, and I'm opposed to the draft," said Ford, who plans to vote absentee in his hometown of New York City.

Farther down the street, fellow GWU student Ted Kennedy, 19, said he is firmly behind Bush after briefly wavering. The volunteer firefighter says Bush deserves a second term for his leadership after the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks, including the war in Iraq. "I'm the wrong person to ask about the draft, because if my number came up, I'm there. I'd fight. In a minute," he said.

The University of Pennsylvania's National Annenberg Election survey found that half of young people believe Bush wants to reinstate the military draft. Only 8 percent said Kerry wants it.

The day the poll was released, Bush said in his second debate with Kerry, "We're not going to have a draft, period."

Kerry wouldn't let it go. A week later, the Democrat told The Des Moines Register "With George Bush, the plan for Iraq is more of the same and the great potential of a draft."

On Monday, Bush accused Kerry of scare tactics and insisted he would not bring back the military draft, even if there were a crisis with North Korea or Iran. "I believe we've got the assets and manpower necessary to be able to deal with another threat should one arise," Bush said.

Special-interest groups backing Kerry are fueling rumors of a draft in a second Bush term. MoveOnStudentAction.org is launching a nationwide campus "Feel a Draft?" campaign to demand an exit strategy in Iraq and urge Bush to detail a specific plan to avoid the draft.

Kerry has argued that a "backdoor draft" exists because some U.S. forces have been required to extend their military careers to serve in Iraq.

Broadcaster fires reporter who criticized anti-Kerry documentary

BY KASEY JONES

The Associated Press

BALTIMORE — Sinclair Broadcast fired its Washington bureau chief, saying he revealed company business when he discussed its upcoming program on a documentary critical of John Kerry's anti-Iraq War activities.

Sinclair Broadcast Group Inc. said in a statement late Monday

that it fired reporter Jon Leiberman and that "we are disappointed that Jon's political views caused him to violate company policy and speak to the press about company business."

In his initial remarks, published Monday by The (Baltimore) Sun, Leiberman called the Sinclair show "biased political propaganda, with clear intentions to sway this election."

Leiberman said he was fired Monday by Joseph DeFeo, Sinclair's vice president for news, and escorted out of the company's headquarters in Hunt Valley, Md. "I was told I violated company policy by divulging information from a staff meeting" to The Sun, Leiberman said late Monday.

Leiberman said staffers were told at a Sunday meeting that the news division would handle the

hourlong show, based on the documentary "Stolen Honor: Wounds That Never Heal."

The 42-minute documentary features former prisoners of war accusing Kerry, a decorated veteran who took up the anti-war cause upon returning from Vietnam, of prolonging the war and worsening their plight. Sinclair said last week it hadn't been decided how much of the documentary would appear in the completed show.

The Democratic National Committee has filed a complaint with the Federal Election Commission contending that airing the film should be considered an illegal in-kind contribution to the Bush campaign.

Leiberman, 29, said he told DeFeo he would not participate in preparing the program about the film and that he objected to it being labeled news rather than commentary.

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World Trade Center insurance trial begins

BY KAREN MATTHEWS
The Associated Press

NEW YORK — Lawyers in the second World Trade Center insurance trial clashed during opening statements in federal court Monday over the relevance of a boilerplate policy that defines the 2001 terrorist attack as one event.

Bernard Nussbaum, a lawyer for trade center leaseholder Larry Silverstein, said none of the nine defendants in this case had signed onto the so-called Wilproff form.

In the first trial earlier this year, a jury ruled that 13 other insurance companies were bound by the form, which used language that defined the two planes hitting the two towers as one event.

"None of the nine companies in this case can claim its coverage was governed by the Wilproff form," Nussbaum said.

But Harvey Kurzweil, a lawyer for Travelers Indemnity Co., told the jurors that the parties intended for the companies that insured the trade center in a complicated 12-layer system to provide consistent cov-

erage even if the contract wording differed from one company to another.

"The evidence will show that this coverage had to be seamless or else you will have gaps in coverage," he said. Silverstein has argued that the trade center was destroyed by two events and he should get two insurance payouts of \$3.5 billion each. He suffered a blow when the jury in the first trial ruled that it constituted one event under contract language that affected those 13 insurers.

If Silverstein's lawyers can convince jurors in the second trial that two terrorism incidents occurred, he will stand to collect double the \$1.1 billion of coverage provided by the nine defendants in this phase.

Silverstein has vowed to rebuild 10 million square feet of office space at ground zero regardless of how much money he collects from insurers. He and redevelopment officials plan to construct the 1,776-foot Freedom Tower, other skyscrapers and cul-

tural buildings within the next decade.

Nussbaum told the jury that the evidence would show that two planes hitting two towers caused two separate fires and two separate building collapses.

"You will see that we suffered two distinct physical losses," he said.

Kurzweil said that regardless of the sequence of events, the terrorism was part of a single, coordinated plot. And he said there was "a common industry understanding that 'occurrence' has a broad, aggregate meaning."

The two sides gave different interpretations of a clause in the Allianz Insurance Co. policy that stipulated that losses from

tornadoes, cyclones, other natural disasters and "vandalism and malicious mischief" should be construed as one occurrence if losses happened within a 72-hour period.

Nussbaum said the clause did not include airplane crashes or fires, but Allianz attorney John Massopust said insurance professionals including Silverstein's broker, Willis Group Holdings Ltd., have defined "vandalism and malicious mischief" to include terrorism.

The first trial, which began on Sept. 11, 2001, focused on whether the 13 insurers that provided the bulk of the trade center's coverage were bound by the Wilproff form. The current trial may include more evidence about what occurred on Sept. 11, 2001, though U.S. District Judge Michael Mukasey ruled in a pretrial hearing that Silverstein's lawyers would not be permitted to show jurors photos from Sept. 11 or to put on "a sound and light show" to try to influence them.



Silverstein

Violent storms whip through four states

The Associated Press

FLORENCE, Ala. — Tim Hart was watching from his front door when a tornado flipped his neighbors' mobile home, part of a violent storm system that battered parts of the South.

"A cloud came this way, and one came this way," Hart said, pointing in opposite directions as he described the Monday afternoon twister. "Then they met. The rain actually started going upward. Then, it picked the trailer up off the ground and it started to twist it like a washcloth. I thought they were dead."

In the mobile home, B.J. Tingle suffered an injured jaw, and one of her two children had a cut.

"I dove on top of my family," said her husband, Chris Tingle. Two tornadoes in Arkansas injured at least 11 people and damaged dozens of homes and other buildings, and electrical service was knocked for more than 7,000 customers.

Elsewhere, a tornado killed three members of one family in a group of three homes near the southeastern Missouri community of Cooter, the Pemiscott County Sheriff's Department said Tuesday.

Parts of the homes were found up to a mile away, Deputy Ferrell Stewart said.

In Potosi, Mo., the roof of a lumber store collapsed during the storms, sparring seven people inside but injuring a man struck by a wall that collapsed into the parking lot.

One home was destroyed and three others were damaged near Loreto, Tenn. The National Weather Service said it couldn't confirm a tornado.

One of the Arkansas twisters ripped away the top and roof of John Harris' home near Sardis, leaving clothes still hanging in a closet.

"It's all gone," Harris said. But his wife and young daughter had left 15 minutes before the storm hit, he added.



David Conger carries belongings from a crushed storage building behind his aunt's storm-damaged home Monday in Haskell, Ark. A series of storms and tornadoes caused injuries and damage in Alabama, Arkansas, Missouri and Tennessee. Three people were killed when a tornado touched down near Cooter, Mo.



A firefighter carries a tarp through the wreckage of a small plane that crashed in Atlanta on Tuesday morning. Two people aboard were killed when the plane crashed into an auto body shop about 40 yards from the birthplace of Martin Luther King Jr.

2 die in fiery plane crash

The Associated Press

ATLANTA — A small plane crashed Tuesday morning into an auto body shop near the birthplace of Martin Luther King Jr., killing both people aboard, authorities said.

No one on the ground was injured, officials said. The twin-engine Beechcraft 55 had taken off from the nearby DeKalb-Peachtree Airport and was headed to Venice, Fla., FAA spokesman Christopher White said. He said he did not know if there had been a distress call from the plane.

A storm was moving through the city at the time of the crash.

Witnesses said the plane spun out of control.

"It was tumbling straight down," said Malcolm Okosun, who saw the plane while working on a construction project about a block from the downtown crash. The plane hit the shop in a "straight-down nose dive," he said.

The plane ended up afire in the building's parking lot. Parts of the building were blackened but there was no apparent structural damage.

Only a few people were in the building and none needed medical attention, fire department spokeswoman Sandra Walker said.

The crash happened in the city's historic Sweet Auburn neighborhood, where King grew up and preached at Ebenezer Baptist Church.

Stem-cell endorsement

SAN FRANCISCO — Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger has endorsed a \$3 billion bond measure that would fund human embryonic stem cell research, a move that bucks Republican leaders and threatens to further strain the state's budget.

"California has always been a pioneer," Schwarzenegger said Monday. "We daringly led the way for the high-tech industry and now voters can help ensure we lead the way for the biotech industry."

The endorsement puts Schwarzenegger at odds with the state Republican Party, which officially opposes Proposition 71, and perhaps the Bush administration, which has limited federal funding of the research.

Schwarzenegger has said he supports stem cell research. His father-in-law, Sargent Shriver, is in the early grips of Alzheimer's disease, which supporters of the measure say could someday be treated with stem cells.

If the measure is passed, it would provide California researchers with nearly \$300 million annually for 10 years but cost a total of \$6 billion to pay back.

Social Security increase

WASHINGTON — More than 47 million Americans receiving Social Security will get a 2.7 percent increase — an extra \$25, on average — in their monthly checks next year.

The Social Security Administration announced the cost-of-living adjustment Tuesday, and the increase will start showing up in checks in January.

The latest increase was the largest since benefits rose by 3.5 percent in 2001. A 2.1 percent increase went into effect at the beginning of this year.

However, the average retiree will see only a little over half of that increase because the government announced last month that mostly Medicare premiums for doctor visits are going up by \$11.60 a month next year, a record in dollar terms.

From The Associated Press

Seniors told to avoid flu-shot lines

BY MITCH STACY
The Associated Press

TAMPA, Fla. — U.S. Health and Human Services Secretary Tommy Thompson said Monday that enough flu vaccine will be available for most people who want it and told seniors to stop standing in long lines to get a shot.

"We want people to relax," Thompson said at a news conference. "The flu season is not here yet."

Thompson said Tuesday that another 2.6 million doses of flu vaccine will be available in January to augment existing supplies as they sought to calm fears about a shortage.

"We've successfully worked through vaccine supply problems in the past and we're doing so this time as well," he said. "We need all of us to take a deep breath."

On Tuesday, President Bush reassured older Americans that those most vulnerable will receive their shots. "I know some here who are worried about the flu season," Bush said during a rally, the first of three campaign appearances in the battleground state of Florida. "We have millions of vaccine doses on hand for the most vulnerable Americans. Millions more will be shipped in the coming weeks."

Seniors around the country have been standing in lines at shopping plazas to get flu shots since news of a shortage surfaced this month. British regulators shut down shipments from Chiron Corp., which had made millions of flu shots earmarked for the U.S. market. The shutdown cut the U.S. supply of flu shots almost in half.

Thompson said the flu vaccine supply will be reallocated to parts of the country where it is needed most. Seniors and very young children are most at risk for severe complications from the flu.

"We are looking all over the re-

sources to find out where there is a shortage, and we will redeploy the resources to make sure the seniors get the vaccine first," he said. He noted that 91 percent of flu deaths last year were people 65 or older.

Thompson advised people to first seek the shot from their doctor or a clinic. If that fails, they should contact the CDC in Atlanta, he said.

Dr. Julie Gerberding, director of the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, said on ABC's "Good Morning America" that only a few cases of flu have been reported this season and that 20 million doses would soon be available for seniors.

Vaccine scarce on bases

RALEIGH, N.C. — At military bases already strained by the demands of war in Iraq and Afghanistan, the men and women who defend the nation aren't being defended against the flu.

Soldiers who deploy are getting shots once they receive their orders, as are young children and others in at-risk groups, according to base spokesmen from around the state. But for many others in the military, flu shots are as scarce as they are for civilians.

Marines who are staying at Camp Lejeune, N.C., and normally would get flu shots will not this year. Anyone who comes down with the flu will be quarantined and treated by medical personnel, said George Reynolds, director of community health at Lejeune's hospital.

From The Associated Press

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Chicago group fighting obesity in city's youth

By LINDSEY TANNER

The Associated Press

CHICAGO — Yoga and dance workshops for kids and parents at a museum. Free bike locks to encourage students to cycle to school.

A food bank that offers fitness workouts along with hot meals for children.

These are among the projects encouraged by a 2-year-old Chicago consortium tackling childhood obesity.

The obesity epidemic is one of the defining public health challenges of the 21st century," said Dr. Matthew Longjohn, head of the Consortium to Lower Obesity in Chicago Children. He believes the problem demands unprecedented collaboration across all sectors of society, and that's what has happened through CLOCC.

The group was praised by the American Medical Association as it begins a two-day obesity summit here Tuesday.

Housed at Children's Memorial Hospital, CLOCC funds a variety of obesity-fighting projects and research throughout the city. It's also an information-sharing network that has amassed nearly 700 partners citywide, including doctors, schools, museums, industry and charity groups that reach tens of thousands of children.

Under the consortium's influence, these groups have added an obesity-fighting focus to their programs.

The AMA, which is working on an obesity agenda, is taking a close look at the Chicago group's efforts. The medical organization might recommend that doctors get involved in community efforts like the consortium, said Dr. Arthur Elster, the AMA's director of medicine and public health.

"There are relatively few models as extensive as this one," Elster said. Fighting obesity "hasn't been as much deeper than just a doctor and a patient," said



Camille Hoang, 9, lifts the arm on a huge water pump Saturday, one of several physical activities at the Chicago Children's Museum that get kids moving while helping them learn. The American Medical Association has singled out the Consortium to Lower Obesity in Chicago Children as a model for how communities can tackle the obesity epidemic.

AMA president Dr. John Nelson, citing dire projections: 400,000 Americans will die this year from obesity-related causes and in the next few years, obesity will replace tobacco as the leading cause of preventable death.

"We've got to have a cultural change," Nelson said. "We've got a real uphill battle."

One of CLOCC's first projects was to define the problem locally in a study last year showing that 23 percent of kindergartners in Chicago public schools are obese — more than double the national average of 10.4 percent for similarly aged youngsters.

Another group's survey found obesity rates as high as 53 percent among Chicago children ages 2-12 in some black and Hispanic neighborhoods.

"The numbers are startling, and it's growing worse every year," said Rob Sadowsky of the Chicago-based Bicycle Federation who serves on CLOCC's executive committee.

New artificial heart OK'd for patients awaiting transplant

By DIDTRA HENDERSON

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The Food and Drug Administration said Monday it has approved the first temporary artificial heart for use in patients at risk of dying within 30 days as they await a heart transplant.

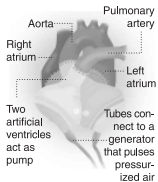
The CardioWest Total Artificial Heart, manufactured by SynCardia Systems of Tucson, Ariz., takes over for the patient's failing heart, restoring normal blood pressure and shoring up such vital organs as the kidney and liver. The "bridge" device is intended to help keep patients alive long enough for a heart transplant.

An FDA advisory committee in March recommended that the agency approve the device with caution, since complex surgery to install the device raises the potential for such complications as infection, bleeding and stroke. Despite those risks, the panel found the device to have benefits for a small number of patients with no other choice.

The FDA approved the temporary artificial heart for patients awaiting heart transplants who don't respond to other treatment and who are likely to die within 30 days to non-reversible, bi-ventricular failure. In such cases, patients typically are short of breath, even while resting, because their weakened hearts cannot efficiently pump blood.

Artificial heart forms bridge to transplant

An artificial heart connects to a large pumping generator that keeps patients alive until they receive a transplant.



SOURCE: SynCardia Systems Inc. AP

Donna-Ben Tillman, director of the FDA's Office of Device Evaluation, said the artificial heart will be open for a very small group of patients, perhaps 100 a year in the United States.

Of 2,200 patients who get heart transplants each year, roughly 500 need some temporary assistance to ensure they're still alive when the donor heart arrives. For that group of 4,000 waiting for heart transplants, 100 have non-reversible failure affecting both the left and right sides of their heart.

New methods could help female cancer patients remain fertile

By MARILYNN MARCHIONE

The Associated Press

PHILADELPHIA — Doctors are reporting two advances that may give women with cancer safer ways to preserve their ability to have children without compromising their chances of beating the disease.

One involves a new way to help women store eggs before having cancer treatments that often leave them infertile.

The other is a very sensitive method for checking frozen ovarian tissue for abnormal cells that could seed a relapse of cancer if transplanted back into a woman who finished treatment and wanted to have a child.

In a medical first, a Belgian woman recently gave birth after an ovarian-tissue transplant. But doctors have long worried that such tissue might harbor microscopic disease. And, in fact, the new research found signs of cancer in ovarian tissue that two cancer patients had hoped to freeze.

Both studies were presented Monday at a meeting of the American Society for Reproductive Med-

icine, which issued new guidelines saying that freezing eggs and ovarian tissue are promising but experimental options that should be offered only to cancer patients through programs that ensure they understand the risks.

Neither technique should be marketed or offered as a means to defer reproductive aging in healthy women, the guidelines say. At least one business is offering to freeze eggs for \$15,000 as a biological insurance policy for women worried about wanting a baby after they are too old to have one.

Preserving fertility has become a big issue as more young women survive cancer. About 50,000 women under 40 are diagnosed with cancer each year in the United States and many get radiation or chemotherapy that damages their ovaries.

In a survey reported Friday in the Journal of Clinical Oncology, three out of four breast cancer patients asked their doctors how treatment would affect their fertility, and one in three reported that it affected the kind of treatment they chose.

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Making jail a piece of cake

Culinary arts program gets inmates cooking in a new direction

By REED WILLIAMS

The Daily Progress

CHARLOTTESVILLE, Va. — Some inmates might daydream about breaking out of jail. David Byers requested an extended sentence.

The guys on his cell block think he's nuts. A doctor at the Albemarle-Charlottesville Regional Jail jokingly asked if he needed to see a shrink.

But Byers, 41, knows what he's doing. He had participated for weeks in a culinary arts program at the facility and was determined to finish. He would have missed graduation if he had been released Oct. 5.

"I cook on the street, and it would help me out," he said of the eight-week course. "It was important to me."

The kitchen was bustling Oct. 14, as Byers and seven fellow graduates cooked their last meals for the program. Byers, a vegetarian, was preparing vegetable gumbo and coffee cake.

It was the first class to finish the culinary arts course, one of several new programs proposed by Col. Ronald Matthews, jail superintendent.

The participants enjoyed the course so much that some asked to retake it.

There's a problem: Nearly 100 inmates are on the waiting list.

Dolores Johnson, a former teacher at Charlottesville-Albemarle Technical Education Center, taught the certified CATEC course, which met three days a week for three hours.

She said it was one of her most rewarding experiences.



David Tyrone Byers smiles after receiving his culinary arts certificate from instructor Dolores Johnson, left, at the Charlottesville-Albemarle Regional Jail on Thursday. The course certifies inmates for culinary work after their release from the jail.

before I started teaching high school, I would have been doing it for 10 years."

The program started with a dozen students. One dropped out, another failed out, and a third inmate was dismissed for making gang signs with his hands, Johnson said.

"We worked hard," she said. "If you didn't do the work, you couldn't stay."

Johnson set the rules early. There would be no profanity, and negativity would not be tolerated.

Student Robert Kirkpatrick said the course, and incarceration in general, was good for him.

The 20-year-old from Staunton ran away two years ago to Charlottesville. He said he was jailed after stealing a motorcycle.

With plenty of time to reflect on his life, Kirkpatrick discovered he still had much to learn, he said. He also renewed his relationship with his parents.

"I used to think I knew everything," Kirkpatrick said. "One of the reasons I ran away from home was because I didn't want to listen to my parents."

The class valedictorian, Jonathan Roubafaz, praised Johnson during a brief speech and thanked jail officials for offering

the program.

He joked that he no longer would need to rely solely on a microwave. He also said he hoped the cooking course would pave the way for other programs at the jail.

"Coming from your world to our world three times a week, that means a lot," he said, addressing Johnson. "That just helps bring light and life into tough times."

Luxury pickup tops highest theft rates

The 2002-03 Cadillac Escalade EXT has the highest theft rate claims among newer passenger vehicles, according to the Insurance Institute for Highway Safety.



Highest theft claims, 2001-03 passenger vehicles

TYPE OF VEHICLE	CLAIMS PER 1,000 VEHICLES
'02-03 Cadillac Escalade EXT (luxury pickup)	20.2
'02-03 Nissan Maxima (midsize four-door car)	17.0
'02-03 Cadillac Escalade (luxury SUV)	10.2
Dodge Stratus/Chrysler Sebring (midsize four-door car)	8.3
Dodge Intrepid (large four-door car)	7.9

SOURCE: Insurance Institute for Highway Safety

AP

Escalade tops list of most-stolen vehicles

Study: Custom wheels increase pickup's desirability to thieves

By DEE-ANN DURBIN

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The Cadillac Escalade EXT, a \$53,000 chrome-trimmed luxury pickup with leather bucket seats, a seven-speaker stereo system with satellite radio and a global tracking system, is the vehicle most targeted by thieves, a study by the insurance industry found.

It's the second year in a row that an Escalade has been at the top of the list, which was released Tuesday by the Insurance Institute for Highway Safety. The Escalade sport utility vehicle topped last year's list; this year, that SUV is third.

The Nissan Maxima, a midsize sedan, is the second most likely to be stolen among new vehicles. The Maxima's theft rate went up after the company began installing expensive, high-intensity headlights as standard equipment in 2002, the institute said.

The institute calculated which newer vehicles are most likely to be stolen by looking at theft claims per 1,000 insured vehicles from model years 2001 to 2003. The Escalade EXT had a claim rate of 20.2. The lowest-ranking vehicles — the Buick LeSabre, Buick Park Avenue and Ford Taurus station wagon — had claim rates of 0.5.

The Escalade EXT, which starts at \$53,665, debuted in 2002.

Owners often add custom wheels and spinning rims that can increase the vehicle's cost by more than \$10,000 — and help make it seven to eight times more likely to be stolen than the average new vehicle.

"Stolen Escalades are sometimes found resting on blocks without their wheels," said Kim Hazelbaker, senior vice president of the insurance institute's Highway Loss Data Institute.

Hazelbaker said the Escalade EXT has a standard anti-theft ignition immobilizer, which prevents the vehicle from being started without the right key, but it may not be as effective as newer systems. General Motors Corp. spokeswoman Kelly Wysocki confirmed that the "pass-lock" system, which is on all current Escalades as well as 2005 models, is aging and said GM is considering a change soon.

A design change may cut down on their theft rates for the Maxima. The 2004 Maxima has headlights that won't fit into earlier models, so the theft rate may go down because thieves won't be trying to steal the headlights to put on older models, Hazelbaker said.

Russ Rader, a spokesman for the Insurance Institute for Highway Safety, said immobilizers have been the most effective way to stop thefts. Rader said, however, that no prevention efforts are perfect.

"The bottom line is that if a determined thief wants your vehicle, there's not a whole lot that you can do," Rader said.

The institute said overall theft claims have declined steadily from an average of about 15 per 1,000 insured vehicles in 1980 to 2.5 in 2003. At the same time, the average insurance payment per theft claim has been rising. The average insurance payout for an Escalade EXT theft claim is \$14,939, compared to \$5,928 for all vehicles.

The insurance institute's list is one of several most-stolen vehicle lists released each year. In May, Chicago-based CCC Information Services Inc. said the 1995 Saturn SL was the nation's most stolen vehicle based on the ratio of thefts to registered vehicles. The insurance institute says that ratio tends to reflect the most popular vehicles on the road rather than the most likely to be stolen.

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Television makes, brakes and fuels political campaigns

Bush, Kerry, others hit airwaves in attempt to influence election

Editor's note: Arts and entertainment have long converged with politics. But this year, something different is in the air — and on movie screens, in bookstores, on the radio, and everywhere else media is consumed.

This is the third part of a six-part series.

BY FRAZIER MOORE

The Associated Press

NEW YORK — Around the time the presidential race began, Janet Jackson came undone on the Super Bowl telecast, giving rise to the term "wardrobe malfunction" and igniting a public outcry heard all the way to Capitol Hill.

Now, as Election Day nears, CBS News is nose-deep in hot water for its recent exposure on President Bush's military record that relied on apparently fake documents. Among viewers who long ago branded Dan Rather a liberal boogymen, this was the last straw.

Such events bookend a year where TV wasn't just a medium for political expression, but a political battleground as well.

Viewers, polarized by sights as far afield as the Super Bowl and Baghdad, suspected television of furthering the rift with secret agendas that distorted the truth of what they had seen.

Or didn't see.

What did it mean when CBS

News announced recently that it had shelved a "60 Minutes" report on the rationale for war in Iraq because it would be "inappropriate" to air it so close to the election? Was this an act of journalistic responsibility? Or a desperate bid to make peace with the Bush administration? Meanwhile, what did it mean that ratings for Fox News Channel soared — even beating ABC, CBS and NBC in head-to-head competition at the Republican convention? Easy, said fans of the network: Here was a rare outlet for fair and balanced journalism. Easy, said others who regard the network as a mouthpiece for a vast right-wing conspiracy. With Fox, that conspiracy has tightened its grip.

And what did it mean when NBC's "The West Wing" — which dramatized a progressive Democratic presidency — announced that Alan Alda would join the show as a Republican senator with aspirations for the White House? Was his addition just a way to rejuvenate the ratings of a series past its prime? Or a sop to conservative viewers who always thought "The West Wing" has a liberal tilt? As questions like these danced in the viewer's head, a grating tune still resonated from the Super Bowl.

First, Justin Timberlake had exposed Janet Jackson's right breast to 89 million viewers. Then that audience, along with the rest of America, was exposed to another unseemly display: lots of finger-pointing, as everyone



AP photos

Above: Democratic presidential nominee Sen. John Kerry appears on Comedy Central's "The Daily Show with Jon Stewart" Aug. 24. Left: President Bush, right, appears with Roland Martin on Martin's fishing show for the Outdoor Life Network in April.

tried to dodge the blame for what was labeled both a regrettable accident and a clear sign of TV's moral decay.

Then, last month, CBS was fined \$550,000 by the Federal Communications Commission for the Super Bowl fiasco.

"As countless families gathered around the television to watch one of our nation's most celebrated events, they were rudely greeted with a half-time show stunt more fitting of a burlesque show," huffed commission Chairman Michael Powell, who at the same time had been fighting for deregulation measures that would let media giants become bigger and less responsive to the public than ever before.

The presidential campaign's version of the Super Bowl kicked off Sept. 30 with the first of three televised debates between Bush and his Democratic rival, Sen. John Kerry.

But supplementing those unique joint appearances, Bush and Kerry were both popping up just about anywhere that promised a cordial reception. Kerry tried to lighten things up on CBS' "Late Show with David Letterman" and Comedy Central's "The Daily Show with Jon Stewart." Bush went fishing on the Outdoor

Life Network.

In separate sessions, Dr. Phil and his wife, Robin, talked child-spanking with fellow parents the First Couple, then with

back in ads defending Kerry's service.

If the level of combativeness reached laughable heights, it wasn't lost on TV's comedians.

"Tonight" show viewers were reminded that Bush was pledging "to destroy terror networks wherever they operate." Then host Jay Leno added, "By 'terror network,' it's not clear if he meant al-Qaida or CBS."

And on "The Daily Show" parody newscast, fake anchorman Jon Stewart was hailed by many fans as not just a source of chuckles, but a refuge for political insight.

"We turn our attention," he intoned one night from behind his anchor desk, "to the biggest swing state in this year's presidential election." He paused meaningfully. "Iraq. Think of it as Ohio ... a bloody, intractable Ohio."

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Jon Stewart

Host,

"The Daily Show"

Kerry and his wife, Teresa Heinz Kerry.

The candidates also popped up in dueling campaign commercials.

And even more contentiously, in commercials made by supporters on the candidates' behalf. For weeks, a group called Swift Boat Veterans for Truth blasted Kerry as a coward. Other veterans fired

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OPINION

The votes are in, and carelessness has lost

The campaign is culminating with reckless charges about the possibility — actually, the certainty, such is life — that there will be imperfections in recording perhaps 110 million votes.

George Will

The charges are couched in the language of liberalism: "disenfranchisement" and "undervotes." Overturning occurs when voters mark their ballots for two candidates for a single office. Undervoting occurs when voters do not mark a choice among the candidates for an office.

Only 12.4 percent of America's registered voters live in jurisdictions that use punch-card systems of the sort that Florida made infamous in 2000. But 72 percent of Ohioans do. On Sunday, The Columbus (Ohio) Dispatch reported, beneath the headline "Punch Cards May Hurt Blacks," that such ballots cast with no vote recorded for president were in 2000 a higher percentage in black communities (5 percent) than in other communities (under 2 percent).

The state is being sued about "racial disparities" resulting from punch-card voting in three counties. How can the Dispatch's report, several scholars' assertions that race is not the salient variable.

Higher levels of unrecorded presidential preferences supposedly correlate with low levels of income and education, appearing also in the predominantly white Appala-

chian counties of southeastern Ohio.

Punch cards, The Dispatch says, are "prone" to overvotes and undervotes "because so many things can go wrong." For example, if "voters do not correctly insert the card into the voting device, the wrong holes can be punched." But it is unreasonable to expect voters to perform those simple manipulations: Are they victims — disenfranchised — if they do not? Surely not in Ohio, where printed guides to punch-card voting are supplemented by instructional videos on the Internet, and where instructions and instructors will be available at polling places.

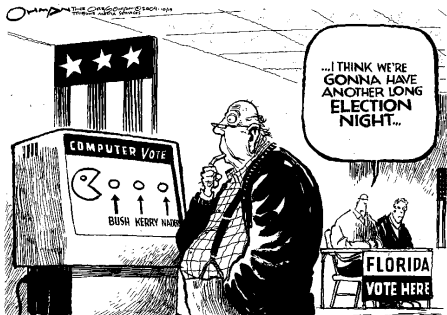
Granted, punch-card systems, like everything else in life, are not infallible. They can — remember Florida's hanging and dimpled (aka pregnant) chads? — inadequately record the intent of a voter, particularly one who is careless about the task of handling the simple punch-card mechanism. But how can punch cards be blamed for overvotes? And how does undervoting such a vote constitute "disenfranchisement"?

When poll taxes, meretricious literacy tests, hostile sheriffs and mobs stood between blacks and whites, blacks were disenfranchised. To be disenfranchised is to have something done to you, not to do something to yourself.

Regarding undervotes, voters can always check to make sure they have clearly punched holes. Furthermore, they have a right — and are often right to exercise the right — to undervote by skipping certain choices on the ballot.

In some Florida jurisdictions this year, electronic touch-screen voting machines will react irritably to undervotes. If a voter skips a choice on the ballot, a message — e.g., "You have not made a choice on this race" — appears on the screen three times.

What more must be done to deal with the undervote problem — which often is not a problem but a sensible preference? Should there be more-severe prompts? The first



might be: "I'm just a machine, but shouldn't you be marking more boxes?" The second might be: "Hey, doll — yes, you! The right to vote is precious, so even though you neither know nor care about a particular contest on the ballot, vote for someone — anyone — even if your vote is random."

Finally, the machine could threaten: "Cast more votes or you will wake up with a horse's head in your bed."

Would such growls from voting machines satisfy liberals that an undervote need not represent either a remediable flaw in the voter or in the technology? Can liberals accept that an undervote usually reflects either voter carelessness, for which the voter suffers the condign punishment of an unrecorded preference, or it reflects the voter's

choice not to express a preference? No, otherwise they would not be liberals, obsessive about rights, blind to responsibilities.

On Monday a Colorado judge upheld a new requirement that voters are responsible for producing identification before being allowed to vote. And Florida's Supreme Court rejected the argument that voters are disenfranchised by not counting proportional ballots they cast in the wrong precincts.

Imagine that: Voters are responsible for proving who they are and knowing where they are supposed to vote. There will be charges that both rulings permit "intimidation," which in today's liberal lexicon is a synonym for linking rights to responsibilities.

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No one should be Green with envy for Zone workers

BY STEPHEN A. MYROW

The suicide bombers met for lunch last Thursday and then blew themselves up in the heart of the Green Zone, the home of the coalition and interim Iraqi governments' leadership. Despite that many American civilians, including some media members, reside within or regularly travel to the Green Zone, the American public has, at best, been offered a caricature of what life in the Green Zone is like.

The Associated Press says the Green Zone "resembles" a suburban "Little America" in central Baghdad — with green lawns, restaurants, American television, U.S. area codes, even at least one swimming pool set up behind barricades and multiple checkpoints." Yet this same report fails to mention that most Americans — like me — and our coalition partners live in dressed-up shipping containers. The residential trailers are surrounded by ever-deteriorating sandbags that are not there for aesthetic purposes. I do not remember seeing many green lawns when I was there for three months this spring, but I have many memories of bombed-out buildings. Little America? Actually, it's a far cry from Topex, Kan.

Government employees in the Green Zone regularly work seven days a week and up to 18 hours per day. Meals are eaten military-style in communal dining facilities. It made my previous life as a corporate attorney on Wall Street seem like a part-time job. The normal workday is often interrupted with little annoyances, such as head counts to ensure that a staff member has not been blown up ... at one of the checkpoints or when running to the bomb shelter as insurgents begin walking in mortars and rockets.

For security reasons, stories on the dangers to those who live and work in the Green Zone generally do not find their way into the media, thus leaving Americans with the impression that those inside the Green Zone live without danger. But just last week I received an e-mail from a friend reporting that a mortar round landed but didn't explode in a Green Zone tent housing 15 men. It's as if it never really happened.

Also unreported was the incident of the college student who worked down the hall from me for the majority of the winter. He took a year off from school to dedicate himself to a cause in which he truly believed. He and his vehicle were riddled with bullets as

he returned from a grass-roots, democracy-building event at Baghdad University.

His life was saved when members of the Iraqi police pulled him out and raced him to the Green Zone. Just another day in Little America.

Violence is not a new phenomenon for those who live in the Green Zone, and it comes in waves. It is likely to increase as we approach — both our own election and the historic Iraqi election set for late January.

A rise in violence in and of itself does not necessarily signify that we are on the wrong path in Iraq. On the contrary, our nihilist enemies who seek to prevent democracy from taking root in the middle of the Arab world will rely on more aggressive and desperate

acts of terror as we assist the Iraqi people in moving closer to their vision of a free Iraq.

There are cries for "supporting the troops." Not only do our troops deserve our respect but so do the civilians who labor in the Green Zone. Though there is indeed a swimming pool ... creature comforts are a far cry from life in Little America.

I am perplexed by descriptions such as the one in the Associated Press almost implying that Zagat is about to publish its inaugural guide to dining and night life in the Green Zone. ... In short, Green — the symbol of safety — is a relative color.

Stephen A. Myrow served in Iraq as the chief of staff of the Coalition Provisional Authority's Transportation Ministry. This column first appeared in the Los Angeles Times.

Mallard Fillmore

BY BRUCE TINSLEY



Safety drill

MD LARGO — Two loud explosions rocked a Metro train at the new Largo station. But this was only a drill.

Metro teamed with fire and rescue squads from the District of Columbia, suburban Maryland and Northern Virginia to simulate a rescue operation for about 15 mock victims trapped in a burning train. It was an exercise designed to prepare firefighters to work safely near the electrified rail that powers the subway trains.

The goal is to keep rescuers safe, said Fred C. Goodine, Metro's assistant general manager for safety and risk protection. Metro is the nation's only transit system that has invested in the rescue carts that ride on the tracks to carry equipment or victims and also the electrical safety equipment that rescuers need, Goodine said.

Boater saves the day

FL NEW PORT RICHEY — Three people were helped from a burning casino shuttle boat by an off-duty Coast Guard rescue swimmer who was boating nearby.

Petty Officer 2nd Class Robert Morgan drove his private boat to the 75-foot shuttle and rescued the three people on board, the Coast Guard said in a news release. One of the victims was hospitalized for treatment of smoke inhalation.

The shuttle boat, which belongs to the Sun Cruise Casino ship, caught fire in a channel and burned to its waterline. The Coast Guard was investigating.

The victims' names were not released.

Wellstone memorial

MN EVELETH — A new memorial will honor the late Sen. Paul Wellstone, his wife and daughter, and five others who died in a plane crash in 2002.

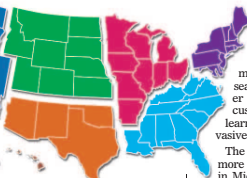
The design of the Wellstone Memorial and Historic Site is scheduled to be unveiled near the crash site, which is in a swamp two miles south of the Eveleth airport.

Wellstone, his wife, Sheila, and their daughter, Marcia Markuson, along with three campaign workers and two pilots, were killed on Oct. 25, 2002, just days before the Senate election.

The memorial to the progressive Democrat, who served 12 years in the Senate, includes a walking trail featuring plaques about the victims and a monument near the crash site, said Bill Lofy, spokesman for Wellstone Action, a non-partisan, nonprofit political training organization founded by Wellstone's sons.

Seeking higher pay

HI HONOLULU — The president of the union representing Hawaii public school teachers says he wants the most experienced teachers to eventually be paid \$100,000 a year. Roger Takabayashi said he would like to see salaries of \$45,000 a year for starting teachers and an average salary of \$60,000. Teachers now start at



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\$36,486, average \$42,768 and top out at \$66,203.

Don't forget the porn

UT LOGAN — A sheriff's department in northern Utah is requiring deputies to begin documenting pornography found at crime scenes and during arrests.

Lt. Matt Bilodeau, spokesman for the Cache County Sheriff's Department, said that although no connection between legal porn viewing and criminal behavior has ever been proven, police have seen a steady increase in porn associated with crimes.

He likened the new tracking system to the approach police use with gang members.

Dani Eyer, head of the American Civil Liberties Union of Utah, compared the program to scouring a suspect's bookshelf and trying to create a criminal profile from the things that person reads.

Insecticides save trees

MI EAST LANSING — Insecticides have proven effective in killing 45 to 96 percent of the larvae of ash borers, which have been killing the state's ash trees.

The insecticides were tested at several sites this summer, said Deborah McCullough, a forest entomologist at Michigan State University.



Elvis unveiled

An Elvis Presley sculpture, created by sculptor Eric Kaposzta of Houston, is unveiled in front of the Municipal Auditorium in Shreveport, La., a day before the 50th anniversary concert celebrating Presley's first performance at the auditorium in 1954. The bronze sculpture is 7½ feet tall, weighs approximately 1,000 pounds and cost more than \$60,000 to make.

The latest results were presented at the second annual international emerald ash borer science panel meeting, which drew researchers to Romulus earlier this month. They discussed their progress in learning more about the invasive wood-boring beetle.

The ash borer has killed more than 8 million ash trees in Michigan and also has infested trees in Ohio, Indiana, Virginia, Maryland and Ontario.

Treatments can cost \$50 to \$200 per tree per year, depending on the tree and method used.

Court aid for homeless

NM ALBUQUERQUE — A program aimed at helping homeless people resolve outstanding misdemeanors is thriving. Court officials said about 200 cases have passed through the program since it started two years ago. The court sessions help the homeless deal with outstanding arrest warrants and other issues in cases not involving either drunken driving or domestic violence.

Controversial rock

IN GREENWOOD — Some neighbors aren't thrilled with the rock in gun dealer Don Davis' front yard promoting armed protection, but he vows that only a judge can make him move it.

The 8-foot ornamental rock, in front of the home Davis recently built near this Indianapolis suburb, depicts an eagle and the U.S. flag.

The inscription: "It's better to own a gun and not need it than to need a gun and not own it."

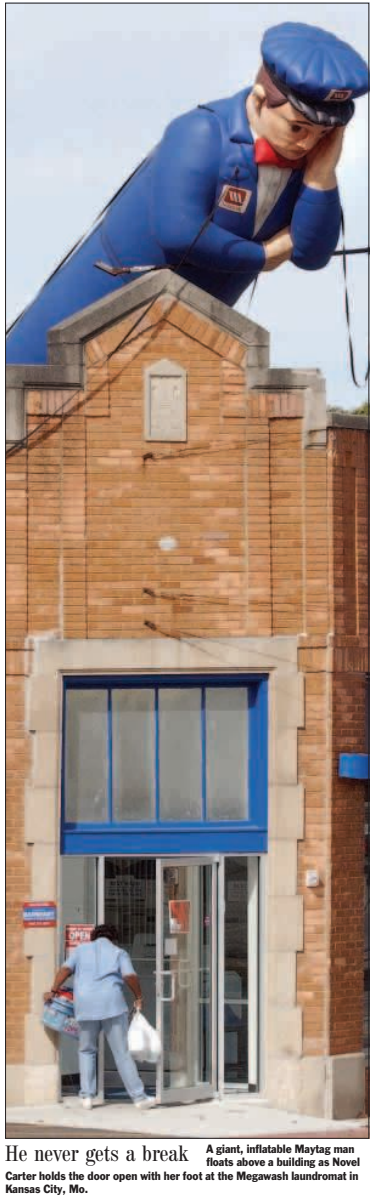
The Highland Park neighborhood association has received many complaints about the rock, which violates the group's covenants, president John Nystrom said. However, Davis, the owner of two Don's Guns shops in Indianapolis, isn't budging.

Doctors skipping town

KY LOUISVILLE — Kentucky has lost about a third of its obstetricians and gynecologists in the past five years because of growing concerns over malpractice insurance, the Kentucky Medical Association says. Statistics show that Kentucky lost 212 of 671 licensed obstetricians/gynecologists from 1999 to 2003. The losses have continued this year, the association said. Seventy counties lack obstetricians; at least two hospitals have closed their maternity wards.

Debate nixed

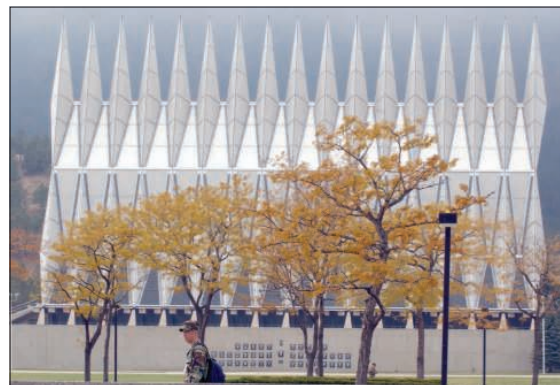
OR PORTLAND — The League of Women Voters of Lane County canceled the only scheduled debate among the three candidates for Oregon secretary of state. Rep. Betsy Close, a Republican, had disputed rules that allowed candidates to question each other. Then incumbent Bill Bradbury, a Democrat, said he would attend unless Close did. The candidates, including Libertarian Richard Morley, haven't faced one another in a public forum.



He never gets a break

Carter holds the door open with her foot at the Megawash laundromat in Kansas City, Mo.

A giant, inflatable Maytag man floats above a building as Novel



Solemn stroll A lone cadet walks past trees turning their autumnal colors as a fall storm packing high winds and cloudy skies envelopes the chapel on the campus of the United States Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs, Colo.



Rallying around marriage Participants gather on the Mall in Washington for the Mayday for Marriage rally. The rally, sponsored by the nonprofit organization Mayday for Marriage, was held to protect marriage and preserve its definition under the law, according to event organizers.



Hoping to repeat win Dora Pearce stirs a witch's brew of chili at the Havelock Chili Festival in Havelock, N.C. Pearce was tending the booth of Jerone's Chili. This year's winner for best chili. This year more than 20 recipes were competing for the honor.



Slippery job Zack O'Leary, right, carries bags filled with oil-covered wood debris down a Vashon Island, Wash., beach near Neill Point. O'Leary and other contract laborers working for the National Response Corporation, spent the day cleaning one of the most soiled beaches affected by an oil spill.

Bookmaking charge

NH ATKINSON — A former sports bar owner has been charged with running a bookmaking operation from his home, where a former police officer committed suicide four years ago.

Walter Jarosz, 47, faces six counts of illegal gambling and one charge of falsifying physical evidence, according to unsealed indictments.

Jarosz is free on bail. Rockingham County prosecutors said the bets were placed on college or professional sports games. The dates of the bets coincided with "March Madness," the NCAA college basketball tournament.

Bringing back the camp

VA NEW CASTLE — Easter Seals Virginia is attempting to raise more than \$1 million to restore a popular Craig County camp that was devastated by Hurricane Jeanne.

Camp Easter Seal-West has been a favorite of campers with disabilities since it opened in 1957. Each year, Easter Seals brings more than 500 children to the highland meadow.

But after Jeanne, the camp has closed for the year and turned away those who had hoped to spend weeks there this fall.

The 7 inches of rain that fell on Craig as the remnants of Hurricane Jeanne passed over caused \$1.2 million in damage at the camp, yet insurance will cover only \$90,000, Hutchinson said.

Hospital: Pay up

MA BOSTON — A Springfield hospital has been placing liens on the homes of patients to collect on bills, a move that is raising the eyebrows of health care advocates and state officials.

Baystate Medical Center over the past 15 months took 300 patients to court and had liens placed on the homes of 46 patients, the Boston Sunday Globe reported. State officials plan to look into the practice.

"Hospitals should not put liens on poor people's homes," Paul Cote, state commissioner of Health Care Finance and Policy, told the Globe.

Cote oversees the "free care" program, which helps the poor pay medical bills. He said he would look into Baystate to see if it is violating state regulations that protect the poor from unfair collection methods.

Agency on dancer's side

NE OMAHA — The Nebraska Equal Opportunity Commission is dedicated to eliminating discrimination involving the elderly, minorities, immigrants and even, it seems, for topless dancers.

The state attorney general's office has filed a lawsuit on behalf of the agency against an Omaha real estate company because it refused to rent an apartment in west Omaha to a stripper.

The Richdale Group had declined to lease an apartment to Charleigh Greenwood after she listed her occupation as a "dancer" at a Council Bluffs, Iowa, lounge.

The NEOC in its lawsuit said such a refusal discriminates against women because labor statistics show women make up 98

percent of dancers in the state and 96 percent of dancers nationwide.

Suspect critical

MI DELTA TOWNSHIP — A man suspected of fatally shooting two women was in critical condition after he took a restaurant waitress hostage and police shot him in the chest.

The suspect took the waitress hostage in a restaurant about 10 miles west of Lansing after police confronted him and an accomplice. She was shot in the leg and her injuries were not life-threatening, police said.

Police said they were investigating.

The two men are suspected of killing Elizabeth Lowe, 24, and Brandy Lowe, 21. The women, who were cousins to each other, were found shot in a Lansing park and later died in a hospital.

Police funding feud

NY BUFFALO — Officials in more than a dozen Buffalo-area towns are fuming over a threat from cash-strapped Erie County to halt police services in rural communities. The county notified 16 towns stretching from Clarence to Wales that it will stop providing Sheriff's Department protection on Jan. 1 unless the towns reimburse the department.

Record-breaking crop

IL CHAMPAIGN — Illinois farmers are expected to harvest more than 2 billion bushels of corn and nearly 483 million bushels of soybeans this fall, new records for both crops, the U.S. Department of Agriculture said. Nationally, the corn crop is expected to reach a record 11.6 billion bushels, 15 percent more than last year, and the soybean harvest is expected to be 3.11 billion bushels, 27 percent more than a year ago.

Money for family

MS GULFPORT, Miss. — The Veterans Affairs Hospital in Biloxi was ordered to pay nearly \$536,000 to the family of a veteran who died five years ago of an aneurysm. The award went to the widow of Thomas Harrison Harrison, 64, died Aug. 7, 1999, less than three months after an X-ray showed he had an aneurysm. He was waiting to have surgery scheduled.

Generous lawyer

MI Attorney General Mike Cox is paying \$340,000 in bonuses this month to 240 members of his legal staff.

The bonuses range from \$150 to \$1,700 for employees who earn up to \$110,000 a year. Cox said the staffers worked many hours of uncompensated overtime. They and other state workers also got a 4 percent pay raise Oct. 1.

College funding crunch

GA ATLANTA — The Board of Regents averted a proposed 10 percent midyear tuition increase for public college students. Under pressure from Gov. Sonny Perdue, the board chose several other ways of absorbing \$64.8 million worth of cuts. Perdue agreed earlier to cut the university system's share of the budget shortfall from \$68 million.

Stories and photos from wire services

Horoscope

This is the last full day of the Libran sun, as the sun goes into Scorpio a bit early this year. In the past weeks, life has balanced out. Problems have been sorted through, and solutions have occurred rather organically. The holistic approach to living has taught us that it's important to depend on one another — no person is an island.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY

(October 21). You've got an optimistic feeling about this year, and you're totally right! A lucky break in the next seven weeks takes you to the next level in your finances. If you manage your money well, you experience greater freedom and use this to go on a grand adventure in January. Faithful loved ones are your real joy. Love signs are Sagittarius and Leo.

ARIES (March 21-April 19)

Small shifts make a big difference over time. Honor the 80/20 rule at work — 20 percent of your activities contribute to 80 percent of your work. So do the important 20 percent, cover your bases, and let the business slide.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

You are skeptical of anything that looks too easy, but don't be. Not every gift from the universe requires a big effort on your behalf. Did you ever stop and think that happiness might be your birthright?

GEMINI (May 21-June 21)

Emotional complexities wrap you up in their sticky web. Show up when you feel like bailing. It's not so bad really — everyone is too busy fighting for his or her own place in the world to worry about how you're coming off.

CANCER (June 22-July 22)

Look something interesting in situations that on the surface seem deadly dull. You'll gain resources by connecting with the very people who on the surface seem like they've got little to offer. Romantic issues surface tonight.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

The world is not out to get you, though after this morning, you'll probably agree.

think. So the confrontational attitude that some people take with you is actually an opportunity to redefine boundaries of a relationship or terms of an agreement.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

The intensity is turned up, and you'll wonder if you can handle it, emotionally, physically and financially. Of course you can, but you'll need to be gentle with yourself. The one being hardest on you is you, as usual.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23)

Tricky situations are your specialty. There's nothing you can't figure out and live the challenge. In relationships, be the one to put things to the next level. Partners may lag behind unless you push them onward and upward.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21)

Sure, you're very intuitive, but it's still difficult to see what's ahead when the road winds, dips and ascends as much as it has lately. You'll have to employ your faith. Don't entertain your own skeptical thoughts.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

Get your energy in alignment, and things go smoothly. Use a pen to empty your mind to paper. This gives you much more mental space to deal skillfully with the people and situations that need your attention.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

Under current scattered planetary influences, it's so easy to be preoccupied when you need to be focused. Making sure you've got a Taurus or Aquarius on your team will help you keep things in the proper perspective.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

Much of your success depends on being a good friend. Start by greeting the world with a pleasant expression on your face, laughing at people's jokes and offering to share. Before you know it, you're back in the groove.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

Your emotions lead you into dicey territory — but just because you feel a feeling doesn't mean you have to act on it. Try and see your impulses for what they are — a response. You always have a choice about how you'll react.

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Jump Start



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Hi and Lois



Beetle Bailey



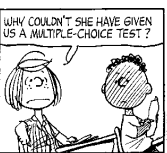
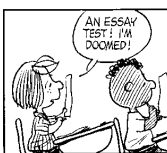
Red and Rover



Better or Worse



Peanuts



Fox trot



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Baby Bites



Spider Man



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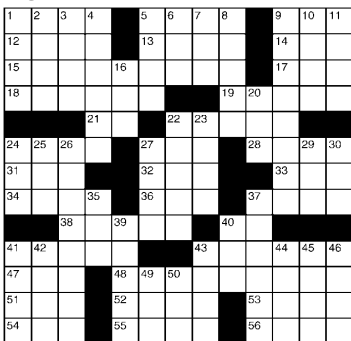
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Eugene Sheffer Crossword



Across

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- 9 Anger
- 12 Year-end refrain
- 13 Rival rivalry
- 14 Punchbowl contents, maybe
- 15 Job candidate's prelim
- 17 Playground game
- 18 Carolina river
- 19 Color workers
- 21 "Monopoly" square
- 22 Bygone Russian aristocrat
- 24 Cheese choice
- 27 Proscription
- 28 Recognize
- 31 Charged bit
- 32 Jennings' network
- 33 Historic period
- 34 Bunch of bits
- 36 Spelled down
- 37 007's school
- 38 Supporter of the arts
- 40 —Cid
- 41 Top of the charts?
- 43 Wedding stars
- 47 Heidi's height
- 48 Stick in
- 51 Resume
- 52 It may be a proper subject
- 53 Rue the run
- 54 Scale member
- 55 Advantage

Down

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- 2 Top-notch
- 3 Seeger or Sampras
- 4 Heavy hammer
- 5 Host Letterman
- 6 Yalie
- 7 Gorilla
- 8 Boisterous
- 9 Worldwide
- 10 computer link
- 11 Bellow
- 11 14-Across ingredients
- 16 Old Olds
- 20 Tibetan beast
- 22 Biblical tower
- 23 Never again?
- 24 Tucker's partner
- 25 Trigger's rider
- 26 Crime-fighting organization
- 27 Founding
- 29 Acapulco gold
- 30 Hardly
- 35 Nosh
- 37 Passover visitor
- 39 Polish
- 40 Mess up
- 41 Apprehends
- 42 Hedgepodge
- 43 Part of N.B.
- 44 Erte's style
- 45 Toyota model
- 46 Flight component
- 49 Affirmative action?
- 50 Yank

Answer to Previous Puzzle



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CRYPTOQUIP

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Yesterday's Cryptoquip: FRIARS RECORDED
AN ALBUM OF THEIR BEST HITS AND DUBBED
IT "CHANTS OF A LIFETIME."

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: U equals B

Visits may not always be welcome

Dear Abby: How many days advance notice should you give a family member before advising him that you will be coming for a visit? My nephew, "Harry," called his brother, "Milton," at 6 p.m. on a Sunday to let him know he was planning to arrive at his home the following Tuesday afternoon for a visit. (Harry rarely talks with Milton, let alone visits him.) Harry was offended when Milton didn't seem thrilled with the idea. (Milton did not say no; he said "OK.") Milton is taking care of his wife who is recovering from surgery and may have been overwhelmed at the idea of guests.

Since the world revolves around Harry, I am sure he forgot to inquire into the state of his sister-in-law's health when he called. Now Harry is refusing to visit because he thought he perceived as Milton's response.

I feel it is time for this old lady to say something to this self-centered little jerk. However, before I put in my 2 cents' worth, I need to

know if 36 hours is an appropriate time frame.

— **Cleues in Curry Village**
Dear Cleues: Harry needs to clarify his social graces because he, not you, is clueless. It is never appropriate to "inform" anyone that you will be coming for a visit. The polite way to do it is to ask if a visit would be convenient, so if it is NOT convenient, the potential host has an "out."

Dear Abby



Dear Abby: I experienced a random act of kindness and want to share it with you.

I was driving alone from Atlanta to a small town near Greensboro, N.C. It was raining hard, and my car hydroplaned and slid off the road.

A woman returning to work after lunch saw my car, stopped, and asked me if I was OK. I assured her that I was fine, but felt a little panicky about being so far from home.

She calmed me down, helped me out of my car, and invited me

to sit with her in her car until help arrived.

While the police wrote up the report and the tow truck hauled my car back onto the highway, this caring lady stood next to me in the rain, keeping me dry with her umbrella.

After the police were finished, she insisted that I come to her office to catch my breath and compose myself.

Then she escorted me to a nearby car repair service where a friend of hers works, and asked him to fix the minor damage to my car. He did it immediately without charging a penny — and I was on my way within a half-hour.

Abby, I want to express the depth of my gratitude to this woman — her name is Suzanne — for her help and concern, and to her friend, Andrew, for fixing my car. They reminded me that good Samaritans still exist in this world. I will forever be ...

— **Grateful in Georgia**

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JUMBLE

Unscramble these four Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

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THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME by Henri Arnold and Mike Argrion



Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

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(Answers tomorrow)

Yesterday's Jumbles: ANISE VALET USEFUL KIMONO
Answer: The popular after dinner speaker talked about — FIVE MINUTES

Lies create friction within family

Dear Annie: My husband has two sisters. "Heather" is very nice, but "Eileen" is another story. She is bossy and arrogant, and has a bad habit of talking about people behind their backs. Of course, most of what she says is not true. Recently, my husband's father had a heart attack. While he was in the hospital, my husband and I helped Heather tidy up his house because it hadn't been thoroughly cleaned since his wife died three years ago. Eileen was out of town.

Now Eileen is telling Heather that my husband and I went through Dad's house because we wanted to steal from him. She also told Heather that we tried to break into her house while she was out of town. We have never done anything remotely like that in all our lives.

My husband and I are furious about Eileen's gossip, but if we confront her, she will find out that Heather told on her. We

Annie's Mailbox



don't want to put Heather in the middle of an argument with her sister.

How can we solve this problem and let Eileen know that this is not acceptable behavior?

— **Burned Up**

Dear Burned Up: Has Eileen had a check-up lately? It sounds as if she could be mentally ill. Her accusations border on paranoia.

You cannot control how Eileen behaves, but you do not have to dignify her lies with protestations of innocence. If she says anything to your face, reply, "Eileen, it's too bad you feel you must lie about us, and we have no intention of listening to your attacks."

Then leave, change the subject, ignore her, whatever works to shut her down.

Dear Annie: You've printed several letters about brides and grooms who ask for money. When I was younger, I found

cash requests for weddings and showers totally repulsive. However, my 40-something self is relieved at not having to guess what the bride wants, or worry about her returning a gift I spent way too much time selecting and buying. If something saves me time and energy, while giving the guest of honor exactly what she wants, then why not?

— **Changed My Mind**

Dear Michigan: We have no objection to giving money as a gift, if that is what the guest prefers to do. It is the crass demands for money coming from the brides and grooms that are galling. There's no question that writing a check is easier, but it does seem sad when guests give money because they simply don't care enough about the couple to spend the time selecting something personal and special.

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"Does the weatherman get in trouble when he fibs?"

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ONE THING ABOUT A THRONG IT KEEPS PEOPLE TOGETHER

Dennis the Menace



"Hi, Mr. Wilson. Trade you a frog for a cliff of hot chocolate."

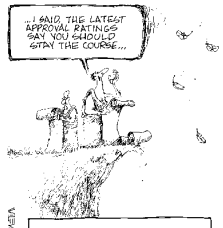
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The Far Side



"One more thing, young man. You get my daughter home before sunrise—I don't want you coming back here with a pile of dried bones!"

Non Sequitur



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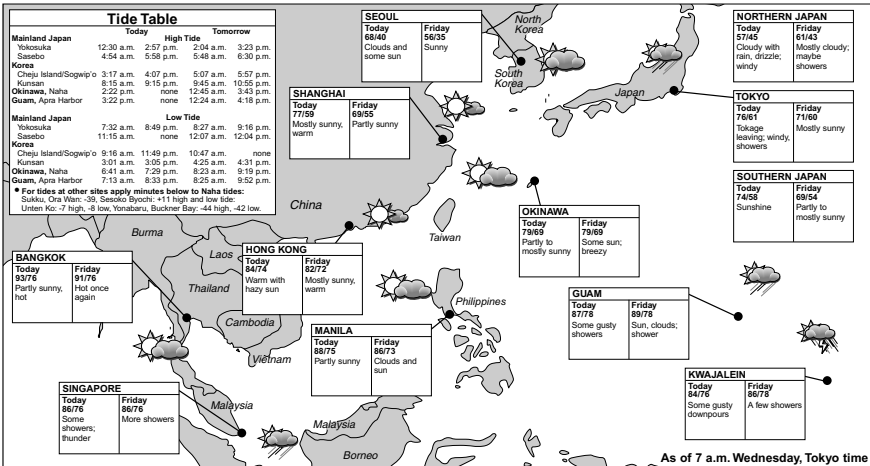
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7	AFN-AT (5:30) Guiding Light (CC)	General Hospital	Headline News	Judge Judy (CC)	Today (CC)				Aash! Real Monsters "Dixon" (E) Kids	The Weekenders "Dixon" (E) Kids	Yu-Gi-Oh! Ten Thousand	Kids Pick the President
8	NEWS 60 Minutes II (CC)		The O'Reilly Factor		Good Morning America (CC)				Headline News	Channel One	The Early Show (CC)	
9	SPTS #4:00 MLB Baseball League Championship Series Game 7 - Tampa TB. (E)											
10	SPTS The Simpsons "City of the Jack-animated" (CC)	Everybody Loves Raymond "The Mentor" Frank is a mentor. (CC)	One Tree Hill "The Leaving Song" Lucas leaves his Dan once asked Kaitlin for joint custody of all their. (CC)	Will & Grace "The Beer-Story" The love of New York. (CC)	The Bachelor (CC)		48 Hours Mystery "A nurse is accused of being an idiot with a sargeon, then murdering him." (CC)		Friends "Ross dis-joins a fantasy to Rachel." (CC)	Seinfeld "A trend sets in from Jerry." (CC)	The Daily Show (CC)	Blind Date (CC)
11	AFN-AT SpongeBob (5:30) Guiding Light (CC)	Hugrats (CC)	That's So Raven "All About" (CC)	The Practice "The Cradle Will Rock" A couple is charged with murder for not taking their ill son to the hospital. (CC)	The Bachelor (CC)		Sabrina-Witch "Sabrina-Witch" (CC)		The Coolest Show "Home Improvements" (CC)		Touching by an Angel (CC)	
12	AFN-OW Eisen-Howland (5:30) Guiding Light (CC)	Elton: Tonight (5:30) Guiding Light (CC)	Rules of Engagement (5:30) Guiding Light (CC)	Dr. Phil (5:30) Guiding Light (CC)	Dr. Phil (5:30) Guiding Light (CC)		Interview With the Vampire "Interview With the Vampire" (CC)		Friends "Ross dis-joins a fantasy to Rachel." (CC)	Seinfeld "A trend sets in from Jerry." (CC)	The Daily Show (CC)	Blind Date (CC)
13	TM Globe Premiere: Matched loves search for their perfect mates. (R) (CC)											
24	PBS Clifford the Big Red Dog "Dog" (CC) (DVS)	Dragon Tales "An elf game of Simon Says." (CC) (DVS)	The NewsHour With Jim Lehrer (N)									
25	SHOW #115 ***** (R) (1988 Drama) Daniel Craig, Morgan Freeman, A young union officer faces an all-black regiment. (R) (CC)											
26	A&E City Confidential "The death of a demonator at a 'Death to the Klan' rally." (CC)											
28	DISC To Be Announced											
29	TF (15) Maalaala Mo Kays (In Tagalog)											
30	CNN+ Larry King Live (CC)	CNN World News	World Sport									
31	GOLF #1:40 Classic Highlights "Tiger Woods"											
32	TLC Clean Sweep "A couple needs help with their bedroom and home office/garage." (CC)											
33	TOON Samurai Jack "Dexter's Laboratory"											
34	ANPL The Crocodile Hunter "Steve travels Madagascar seeking its four remaining species of lemurs." (CC)											
35	COM Ringer Happy TV "The Real Estate agent." (CC)											
40	NOCA Riddles of the Dead "The Dead Begins to go home." (CC)											
41	FOX The World's Wildest Police Videos (CC)											
42	SPKE Remington Steele "Signed, Sealed and Delivered" An intelligence operative is on a hit list. (CC)											
44	BET 106 & Park "Top 10 Live" "Top 10 Countdown"											
46	COURT NYPD Blue "Hearts and Souls" "Spencer reconnects with his ex-wife as Simon's medical crisis is resolved." (CC)											
48	STR-UD The Simpsons (CC)	Home Improvement (CC)										
50	LIFE The Golden Girls "Dorothy catches a justice job." (CC)											
51	ABCFAN 7th Heaven "I Want to Expecting That" A mysterious stranger wanders into the Camden home." (CC)											
53	HIST The Big House "Folsom Prison opened in 1880 for reform prisoners and difficult lives." (CC)											
57	STR-IM Campbell's Law "A murder suspect and her new lover plan to kill her name." (CC)											
58	ADV 1 Total Adventure "Carving Paradise"											
59	MTV Making the Video "Lindsay Lohan"											
60	NICK Julie (SpongeBob SquarePants)											

JAPAN TV

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The Pacific Forecast

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Extended Forecasts

TOKYO

Saturday: Partly sunny, high 64, low 51.
Sunday: Mostly sunny, high 61, low 54.

KADENA

Saturday: Periods of clouds and sunshine, high 58, low 39.
Sunday: Periods of clouds and sunshine, high 81, low 71.

SEOUL

Saturday: Mostly sunny, high 58, low 39.
Sunday: Mostly cloudy, high 58, low 41.

MANILA

Saturday: Periods of clouds and sunshine, high 86, low 75.
Sunday: Periods of clouds and sunshine, high 88, low 75.

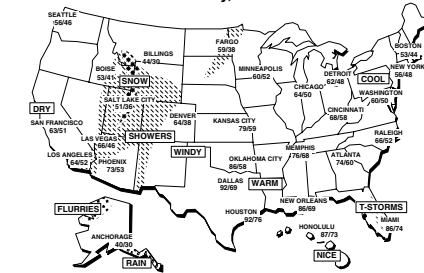
HAGATNA

Saturday: Showers, high 87, low 77.
Sunday: Showers, high 87, low 77.

Tuesday's USA Temperatures

CITY	HIGH/LOW	CITY	HIGH/LOW
Albuquerque	70/47	Los Angeles	68/61
Amarillo	78/48	Little Rock	87/60
Anchorage	45/33	Louisville	73/54
Ashville	73/56	Miami	87/76
Baltimore	61/52	Milwaukee	50/45
Birmingham	76/67	Nashville	77/60
Bismark	58/30	New York	57/48
Boise	57/43	Omaha	62/45
Boston	50/42	Orlando	89/72
Brownsville	96/77	Philadelphia	60/50
Buffalo	51/44	Phoenix	79/63
Burlington	52/36	Pittsburgh	60/51
Charleston, SC	84/66	Portland, OR	58/48
Charlotte	76/62	Portland, ME	53/37
Cleveland	56/49	Salt Lake City	58/46
Columbus, OH	63/53	St. Louis	66/48
Duluth	47/37	San Antonio	92/72
El Paso	83/68	San Diego	70/63
Hartford	48/41	San Juan	90/76
Helena	51/29	Tampa	87/74
Indianapolis	63/52	Tulsa	74/51
Jacksonville	87/70	Washington	70/53
Kansas City	62/49	Wichita	67/48

Thursday, October 21



U.S. Extended Forecast

A cold front will spark showers and thunderstorms across the Desert Southwest Thursday. California will dry out after a wet 48-hour period. Snow will fall, heavily at times, across the Rockies, while rain will wet the valleys of the region. Cool and cloudy weather will be found over the Ohio and Tennessee valleys. Drizzle may affect some parts of these regions. The Northeast will have dry but chilly weather with some sunshine. Rain-free conditions will continue in the Northeast Friday and Saturday. The Southeast will have a partly to mostly sunny sky. A cold front will advance into the Plains and Midwest and will produce numerous showers and thunderstorms. Damp weather will also be found in the Pacific Northwest.

Thursday's Pacific Temperatures

CITY	HIGH/LOW	CITY	HIGH/LOW
Bangkok	93/76	Iwakuni	74/56
Beijing	60/40	Kadena AB	79/69
Camp Casey	62/40	Kunsan AB	69/47
Christchurch	57/38	Kwajalein	84/76
Diego Garcia	81/75	Manila	88/75
Hagatna	87/78	Misawa AB	59/47
Hanoi	84/70	Osan	66/41
Hong Kong	80/74	Perth	72/55
Honolulu	87/73	Pusan	74/54
		Tokyo	76/61

Thursday's World Temperatures

CITY	HIGH/LOW	CITY	HIGH/LOW	CITY	HIGH/LOW
Acapulco	91/77	Budapest	62/47	Kabul	74/37
Athens	80/64	Buenos Aires	79/62	Kiev	49/36
Auckland	62/51	Cairo	91/66	Kuwait	99/69
Baghdad	100/60	Cancon	88/73	London	64/44
Barbados	91/74	Cape Town	66/50	Madrid	63/51
Barcelona	72/59	Geneva	60/48	Mexico City	77/52
Berlin	60/45	Istanbul	70/56	Montreal	51/29
Bermuda	80/69	Jerusalem	82/61	Mogadishu	73/70
Brussels	56/42	Johannesburg	85/62	Moscow	46/34
				Warsaw	51/43



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Thursday

AFN-Sports, AFN Radio Japan/Kanto, 5 a.m.-baseball: NL Championship Series, Houston at St. Louis, Game 6 (if necessary).
AFN-Sports, AFN Radio Japan/Kanto, 9 a.m.-baseball: AL Championship Series, Houston at St. Louis, Game 7, or NL Championship Series, Houston at St. Louis, Game 6 (if necessary).

AFN-Sports, 4 p.m.-baseball: AL Championship Series, Boston at N.Y. Yankees, Game 7, or NL Championship Series, Houston at St. Louis, Game 6 (if necessary).
AFN-Sports, 8 p.m.-baseball: AL Championship Series, Boston at N.Y. Yankees, Game 7, or NL Championship Series, Houston at St. Louis, Game 6 (if necessary).
AFN-Sports, 10 p.m.-baseball: AL Championship Series, Boston at N.Y. Yankees, Game 7, or NL Championship Series, Houston at St. Louis, Game 6 (if necessary) (dtd).

Friday

AFN-Sports, 4 a.m.-colg. PGA Final, cleveland, Ohio.
AFN-Sports, 8:30 a.m.-baseball: Syracuse at New York Yankees, Game 7.
AFN-Atlantic, AFN Radio Japan/Kanto, 9 a.m.-baseball: AL Championship Series, Houston at St. Louis, Game 7 (if necessary).
AFN-Sports, 3 p.m.-baseball: NL Championship Series, Houston at St. Louis, Game 6 (if necessary) (dtd).

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Pro basketball

NBA preseason

EASTERN CONFERENCE			
Atlantic Division			
	W	L	Pct
Philadelphia	2	1	0.667
Boston	1	2	0.333
Washington	1	2	0.333
Toronto	2	2	0.500
Central Division			
	W	L	Pct
Indiana	2	1	0.667
Cleveland	2	1	0.667
Chicago	1	2	0.333
Memphis	2	2	0.500
Southeast Division			
	W	L	Pct
Orlando	3	1	0.750
Miami	3	1	0.750
Oklahoma City	2	2	0.500
Atlanta	2	2	0.500
WESTERN CONFERENCE			
Pacific Division			
	W	L	Pct
Phoenix	2	1	0.667
Golden State	2	1	0.667
San Antonio	2	1	0.667
Sacramento	1	2	0.333
LA Clippers	2	2	0.500
Southwest Division			
	W	L	Pct
Houston	2	1	0.667
Minnesota	2	1	0.667
New Orleans	2	1	0.667
Dallas	0	2	0.000
Northwest Division			
	W	L	Pct
Utah	1	1	0.500
Portland	2	1	0.667
Seattle	2	2	0.500

Monday's games			
Cleveland vs. New Jersey	9 p.m.		
Charlotte at Atlanta	7 p.m.		
Minnesota at Indiana	7 p.m.		
Phoenix at New Orleans	8 p.m.		
Phoenix at San Antonio	8 p.m.		
Memphis at Dallas	8 p.m.		
New York at Utah	8 p.m.		
Sacramento vs. LA Lakers at Fresno, Calif.	7 p.m.		

Wednesday's games			
Memphis at Atlanta	7 p.m.		
Berlin at Toronto	7 p.m.		
Washington vs. Detroit at Grand Rapids, Mich.	7 p.m.		

Thursday's games			
Portland at Detroit	10 p.m.		
LA at LA Clippers	10 p.m.		
Milwaukee at Memphis	10 p.m.		
Chicago at New Orleans	10 p.m.		
Chicago at Houston	10 p.m.		
Philadelphia at San Antonio	10 p.m.		
New York at Dallas	10 p.m.		
Golden State at LA Lakers	10 p.m.		

Friday's games			
LA at LA Clippers	10 p.m.		
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Saturday's games			
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Saturday, Oct. 30			
Colorado at Los Angeles			
13. South Dakota	71	286	18
14. Wisconsin St., Minn.	71	284	15
15. Colo. School of Mines	69	274	15
16. St. Cloud State, Minn.	67	269	6
17. St. Cloud State, Minn.	67	269	6
18. North Dakota St.	67	269	6
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3. Wheaton, Ill.	5	0	1.000
4. Trinity, Texas	5	0	1.000
5. Harding-Simmons, Texas	4	0	1.000
6. Baldwin-Wallace, Ohio	4	0	1.000
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8. Salisbury, Md.	4	0	1.000
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MetroStars at D.C. United
Western Conference
Kansas City vs. San Jose
Sunday, Oct. 24
 Kansas City at San Jose
Saturday, Oct. 30
 San Jose at Kansas City

Ortiz sets off another wild celebration

Sluggish's single in 14th reduces Red Sox deficit in ALCS to 3-2

BY RONALD BLUM
The Associated Press

BOSTON — David Ortiz had just lofted the 471st pitch of the night into center field for the winning hit, setting off another wild celebration, just as improbable as the one he started the night before.

Boston had rallied to beat the New York Yankees again, needing 14 innings for a 5-4 victory that took 5 hours, 49 minutes, a postseason record.

Now, as the jubilant Red Sox and dejected Yankees came off the field at Fenway Park late Monday night, knowing they were scheduled to play again in New York in just 21 hours, they had to wonder: Who can even pitch Tuesday night after Boston starter Curt Schilling and the Yankees' Jon Lieber leave Game 6?

"Schilling's pitch count might be 180," Red Sox manager Terry Francona said.

Think everyone was exhausted after Aaron Boone's 11th-inning homer won Game 7 for the Yankees last year? Both teams are dragging themselves to Yankee Stadium.

"Everybody's tired," New York catcher Jorge Posada said. "Their team, our team."

Rain was forecast for Tuesday night. Both teams could surely use the rest a rainout would bring after three games in Boston that saw 1,298 pitches, 82 hits and 29 pitching changes over 35 innings.

"I think it will be good to go back home and gain some energy from the home crowd," Yankees third baseman Alex Rodriguez said. "Three days here, it feels like we've been here a month."

None of the other 25 teams that fell behind 3-0 in a postseason series has ever come back to win. In fact, Boston is only the third to force a sixth game.

"We're going out there with no pressure," Boston's Johnny Damon said. "We've done stuff we're not supposed to be doing right now."

Turns out last October's epic was only a prequel, with this



David Ortiz swings at a two-out pitch in the 14th inning Monday night (top left), then exults (bottom left) as the ball falls to give the Red Sox a 5-4 victory over the Yankees. Johnny Damon, who scored from second on the play, gets a hero's welcome at the plate as Boston trimmed New York's lead in the ALCS to 3-2.

year's series mirroring the season Boston burst out to win the first three games, and Boston is desperately trying to catch up.

Just 21½ hours after Ortiz's 12th-inning homer off Paul Quantrill at 1:22 a.m. gave Boston a 6-4 victory in Game 4, the Boston slugger fouled off six pitches before singling to drive in the winning run off Esteban Loaiza.

"The last two nights shows the depth, the character, the heart, the guts of our ballclub," winner Tim Wakefield said. "It took every ounce of whatever we had left to win tonight's game and to win last night's game."

This time, Boston was six outs from elimination before Ortiz's leadoff homer off Tom Gordon and Jason Varitek's sacrifice fly off Mariano Rivera tied it 4-4 in the eighth.

The next six innings were agonizingly tense, filled with a double play, three passed balls in one inning, two Red Sox runners thrown out trying to steal second and 10 runners left on base.

When it was over, New York had stranded 18 runners and the Red Sox 12. The two games consumed 26 innings lasting 10 hours, 51 minutes.

Just a night after throwing 50

pitches, Boston closer Keith Foulke threw 22 more. Rivera, who blew a save for the second straight night and the third time this postseason, pitched two innings for the second straight game.

The Yankees took a 4-2 lead in the sixth when Derek Jeter poked a three-run double to right on Pedro Martinez's 100th pitch but were shut out over the last eight innings by Mike Timlin, Foulke, Bronson Arroyo, Mike Myers, Alan Embree and Wakefield.

Gary Sheffield struck out leading off the 13th but reached on a passed ball, and two more passed

balls by Varitek on Wakefield's knuckler left runners on second and third.

But after the ball nearly got away from Varitek again, popping out of the catcher's glove but staying near the plate, Wakefield escaped by striking out Ruben Sierra on a 70 mph knuckler.

Wakefield, who gave up Boone's homer last year, followed with a 1-2-3 14th.

"In the last inning, he was on fumes," Francona said.

Damon started the winning rally by drawing a one-out walk, and Manny Ramirez walked with two outs. Ortiz then fouled off six pitches, including one that just missed being a home run down the right-field line, before blooming a single.

"There's nothing you can do," Loaiza said. "It was a great pitch, a broken bat, and it floated over second base."

Half the Red Sox ran to greet Damon coming home. The others mobbed Ortiz halfway to second base.

"I was thinking I'd better get it done right here," Ortiz said. "They've got too many hitters that can change the game with one swing."

The Yankees, who got a solo homer from Bernie Williams in the second, could have broken the game open after Jeter's double, but Trot Nixon prevented more damage with a sliding catch of Hideki Matsui's sinking drive to right with the bases loaded.

New York, 1-for-13 with runners in scoring position, missed a chance to take the lead in the ninth when Tim Clark's two-out drive to right hopped over the low fence for a ground-rule double that left runners at second and third. Foulke then retired Miguel Cairo on a foul pop.

Boston tried to change its perennial bad luck, with switch-hitter Varitek hitting right-handed against right-hander Mike Mussina and Kevin Millar trimming his billy-god beard.

Mussina allowed Ortiz's RBI single in the first and a bases-loaded walk to Varitek, then pitched five shutout innings before six relievers followed. The Yankees sent Lieber home during the game to get rest for Tuesday.

"We were going to play until there was nobody left standing," Mussina said. "You've got starters going out there. You've got guys throwing three and four innings one day and throwing two or three again the next day."



Tim Wakefield was the winning pitcher for Boston Monday night.

A year later, Wakefield gets one to savor

The Associated Press

BOSTON — Tim Wakefield already had left far behind the home run that Aaron Boone hit off him last October to give the New York Yankees the American League championship.

Now Wakefield has a more pleasant playoff memory.

Wakefield rescued the overworked Boston Red Sox bullpen by holding the Yankees scoreless in the last three innings of a 5-4,

14-inning victory over New York on Monday night. That sent the best-of-seven series back to Yankee Stadium for Game 6 Tuesday night with New York leading 3-2.

"I just tried, basically, to keep us in the game as long as possible," Wakefield, Boston's seventh pitcher of the night, said.

"After (my) second inning, they asked me how I felt and I said, 'I'll give you what I've got.'"

That turned out to be just

enough as because David Ortiz singled in the winning run in the bottom of the 14th. Ortiz gave plenty of credit to Wakefield, a starter all season.

"Unbelievable, unbelievable, amazing," Ortiz said. "I'm so happy for him. He wore them down."

Wakefield had an outstanding postseason last year until Oct. 16, when Boone's homer gave the Yankees a 6-5 victory in the 11th inning of Game 7.

"He didn't deserve to lose that game," Boston catcher Jason Varitek said. "We lost that game as teams."

Still, the Red Sox were thrilled that Wakefield, who allowed one hit, one walk and struck out four, pitched so well Monday night.

"He's certainly a guy that's easy to root for," Boston outfielder Gabe Kapler said. "He's not selfish. He's so versatile and is willing to do whatever the team needs."

New BCS formula triggers old arguments

By CHRIS DUFRESNE
Los Angeles Times

Initial reaction to Monday's first release of the Bowl Championship Series standings: You call this progress?

The rankings system that for six years has determined college football's national championship game participants has been modified and simplified to prevent a repeat of last season's disaster in which Southern Cal finished No. 1 in both human polls but No. 3 in the final BCS standings.

Yet, as Monday's release indicates, the C in BCS could still end up standing for "controversy."

USC opened as undisputed first-week BCS king with No. 1 rankings in both polls and the system's computer component, but there was confusion just below as Miami (Fla.) debuted ahead of Oklahoma in the important second position.

In the new formula, a calculation that gives equal weight to the two human polls and the computer, USC opened with a BCS average of 99.12.

Miami was second at 91.87, followed by Oklahoma at 91.61.

Oklahoma's place was a sur-

Analysis

prise because it is No. 2 in both human polls, whereas Miami is fourth in The Associated Press poll and third in the ESPN/USA TODAY coaches' poll.

The top two schools in the final BCS standings will play for the BCS national title in the Orange Bowl on Jan. 4.

BCS coordinator Kevin Weberg said it was too early to draw conclusions about the new system.

"I think it's important that there not be an overreaction to this first poll," he said.

Yet, it's fair to say a mini-controversy was the last thing Weberg and other BCS commissioners wanted in the first week.

"I suppose there's a little bit of irony there," Weberg said.

Monday's first BCS posting was only the first snapshot of a long season and Weberg said the Miami-Oklahoma situation would work itself out.

Despite its No. 2 ranking in both polls, Oklahoma was dragged into the third BCS spot

because of its No. 5 ranking in the computer component.

Weberg said several computers factored in a school's road record and that Oklahoma had played only one road game this season, last week at Kansas State.

Weberg said that Oklahoma's No. 5 computer ranking might be a one-week anomaly.

"I think that it's very unlikely that that would hold up through the balance of the season," he said.

Oklahoma coach Bob Stoops said he was not yet convinced any potential controversy.

"It really makes no difference where anyone is ranked today," Stoops said in a statement released by the school. "There is too much of this season left to play for anyone to get too worked up about this now. The bottom line is that you have to get out there and win your games."

Twinks in the BCS this year were intended to make sure a school ranked first in both polls could not finish third in the BCS standings.

Yet, the new formula may not protect a team that is second in both polls, especially if there is little distinction separating the sec-

Bowl Championship Series standings

Oct. 18, 2004									
	AP	USA/ESPN	Computer	BCS					
1. Southern Cal	1	1610	99.12	1	99.99	99.12	NR		
2. Miami	2	1448	91.87	2	96.80	91.87	NR		
3. Oklahoma	3	1567	91.61	3	82.820	91.61	NR		
4. Auburn	3	1478	91.0	4	109.80	91.0	NR		
5. Florida St.	5	1304	89.2	5	124.8	89.2	NR		
6. Wisconsin	6	1240	76.3	6	108.8	76.3	NR		
7. Utah	9	1072	69.0	10	101.5	69.0	NR		
8. California	7	1215	74.8	8	107.1	74.8	NR		
9. Tennessee	11	898	65.5	13	81.3	65.5	NR		
10. Georgia	10	1040	64.0	6	112.4	72.7	NR		
11. Michigan	8	1081	65.5	12	102.6	65.5	NR		
12. Purdue	12	957	58.9	12	83.2	54.6	NR		
13. Boise St.	14	858	53.1	14	61.3	47.5	NR		
14. Boise St.	19	457	28.7	16	55.7	30.5	NR		
15. Virginia	14	738	45.4	15	66.5	43.7	NR		

Explanation

Team percentages are derived by dividing a team's actual voting points by a maximum BCS possible points in the AP Poll and 1525 possible points in the USA Today/ESPN Coaches Poll. Six computer rankings calculated in inverse points order (25 for No. 1, 24 for No. 2, etc.) are used to determine the overall computer component. The best and worst ranking for each team is dropped, and the remaining four are added and divided by 100. The maximum possible points to produce a Computer Rankings Percentage. Each computer ranking accounts for schedule strength in its formula. The BCS average is calculated by averaging the percent totals of the three polls.

and third teams, at which point the computers may play a deciding role.

"Even though two-thirds of the formula is driven by the human polls, we're counting actual games here and if there is a close margin, the computer polls are going to have some significant influence," Weberg said.

In one of the more interesting story lines, Utah made its BCS debut at No. 7, the highest

first-week ranking by a non-BCS school.

Utah, which trails No. 6 Wisconsin by a sliver — 7.251 to 7.255 — is trying to become the first non-BCS school to qualify for a major bowl game.

Utah earns an automatic berth if it finishes sixth or better in the BCS standings and can be considered for one of two at-large berths if it finishes in the top 12.

Texas sticking with Young as starting QB despite woes

The Associated Press

AUSTIN — Texas football coach Mack Brown is sticking with Vince Young as the team's starting quarterback, despite two consecutive poor passing games.

Brown had suggested after the Longhorns' 28-20 victory over Missouri that he'd consider replacing Young with Chance Mock. But he removed that option during his weekly news conference Monday.

"Vince will start," Brown said. "Eighty-ranked Texas plays at Texas Tech on Saturday."

The coach said he had wanted to see how Young was feeling after he was knocked out of the game in the second quarter with a bruised sternum. Although Young was cleared to return in the third quarter against Missouri, Brown stuck with Mock, who played the entire second half.

Brown said Young was fine.

College football briefs

The two quarterbacks threw for 59 yards in an offense that ranks 103rd

nationally in passing. The Longhorns have been able to compensate for that with a rushing attack that ranks No. 2 and averages 293.5 yards per game behind tailback Cedric Benson.

Part of the reason for sticking with Young is his ability to run.

"He is such a valuable part of our running game," Brown said. "A big part of Cedric's running success, to me, comes from (defenses) having to be aware of the ability to make the explosive plays with Vince."

Vols starting safety suspended for firing gun near campus

KNOXVILLE, Tenn. — Tennessee starting safety Brandon Johnson was suspended indefi-



Washington State QB Josh Swogger had 13 TD passes and seven interceptions this season.

nately because he fired a gun into the air near campus.

Johnson, a junior, was arrested Monday and charged with felony reckless endangerment after shooting the gun outside the apartment of tailback Cedric Houston, according to a police report.

Junior defensive back Chris Heath, who was in school on a medical scholarship but not playing, was charged with misdemeanor unlawful carrying of a firearm. Heath was permanently dismissed from the team.

No. 11 Tennessee hosts Alabama on Saturday.

Washington St. starting QB out for the season

PULLMAN, Wash. — Washington State quarterback Josh Swogger broke a bone in his foot and will need season-ending surgery, school athletic department spokesman Rod Commons said Monday.

Swogger's backup is freshman Alex Brink.

Rutgers players seriously hurt in car wreck

PISCATAWAY, N.J. — Three Rutgers football players were injured, one seriously, in a multi-ve-

hicle accident caused by a man accused of drunken driving.

Safety Dondre L. Avery, 20, of Miami, suffered a spine fracture and head injuries in the accident Saturday night, police said.

The junior remained in critical condition Monday at Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital in New Brunswick, hospital spokeswoman Kristen Walsh said.

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V. Williams advances to second round in Swisscom

The Associated Press

ZURICH, Switzerland — Venus Williams reached the second round of the Swisscom Challenge with a 6-2, 6-2 victory Tuesday over Karolina Sprem, who upset her in the second round at Wimbledon.

That match — Williams' earliest exit at the All England Club since her 1997 debut — was marred by the chair umpire's awarding

Tennis roundup

of an extra point to Sprem. Williams, the 1999 champion here, is seeded seventh.

In other action Tuesday, eighth-seeded Nadia Petrova downed Lisa Raymond 6-4, 6-3, No. 9 Ai Sugiyama defeated Shinobu Asagoe 6-2, 6-3 and No. 10 Patty Schnyder overcame Magdalena Maleeva 1-6, 6-1, 6-4 in a match of past Zurich championships.

Also, Paola Suarez beat Jelena Kostanic 6-3, 3-6, 6-4 and Flavia Pennetta ousted Marie Geyanay Mikaelian 6-2, 6-1.

Top-seeded Amelie Mauresmo withdrew because of a strained right muscle.

Nadal advances in Madrid

MADRID, Spain — Spanish youngster Rafael Nadal needed only an hour to beat Italy's Davide Sanguinetti 6-2, 6-1 on Tuesday and advance to the second round of the Madrid Masters.

Making up for his first-round exit last year, the 18-year-old Nadal beat Sanguinetti, a semifinalist in Vienna last week, to set up a second-round match against 14th seeded American Vincent Spadea.

Tommy Haas of Germany and Taylor Dent of the United States also advanced to the second round of the \$3 million event. Haas beat Xavier Malisse of Belgium 6-4, 6-1 and Dent defeated Mikhail Yuzhny of Russia 6-3, 6-2.

Earnhardt's appeal of penalty is denied

The Associated Press

DAYTONA BEACH, Fla. — Dale Earnhardt Jr. lost his appeal of a 25-point penalty and \$10,000 fine for using a vulgar word during a post-race TV interview.

Instead of leading the Nextel Cup standings on Monday by a point with five races to go, Earnhardt trails leader Kurt Busch by 24 points.

"NASCAR had issued repeated warnings to contestants regarding the use of inappropriate language during live event broadcasts," the National Stock Car Racing Commission said Monday. "The infraction occurred on-air at the racetrack during the live broadcast of a NASCAR event, not in a casual private conversation or offsite activity."

NASCAR punished Earnhardt

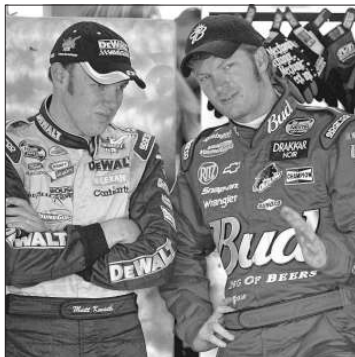
on Oct. 5, two days after he won a race at Talladega and was interviewed by NBC.

In its denial of the appeal, the three-member panel called Earnhardt an important ambassador of the sport and a role model.

There was no immediate response from Earnhardt or his team. They have the option of making a final appeal to commission Charles D. Strang.

Meanwhile, the Parents Television Council, an advocacy group to protect children against sex, violence and profanity in entertainment, filed an indecency complaint against NBC with the Federal Communications Commission. It wants the FCC to levy a fine against every NBC affiliate that aired the interview.

Attempts to reach someone at NBC Sports were not immediately successful.



Dale Earnhardt Jr., right, talking with fellow driver Matt Kenseth, lost his appeal of a 25-point penalty assessed by NASCAR for using a vulgar word during a post-race interview at Talladega Motor Speedway. The penalty cost Earnhardt the lead in the Nextel Cup championship chase.

Harrison suspended four years for doping

The Associated Press

COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo. — Two-time Olympic gold medalist Alvin Harrison accepted a four-year suspension from the U.S. Anti-Doping Agency on Tuesday for drug violations uncovered in the BALCO case.

The 30-year-old sprinter, who won gold medals as part of U.S. relay teams in the 1996 and 2000 Olympics, was charged with violations of anti-doping rules based in part on evidence presented in the U.S. Senate in May, then turned over to USADE before the 2004 Athens Games.

"It's a bittersweet day," USADE chief executive officer Terry Madden said. "It's good that another athlete in the BALCO drug conspiracy has been brought to justice. It's a sad day because we now know a conspiracy is out there. Athletes have admitted to it and people are

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using prohibited substances."

The evidence did not include a positive drug test, but did include information gathered during the federal probe of the Bay Area Laboratory Co-Operative.

Harrison was the second athlete to admit using illegal substances despite not testing positive. Sprinter Kelli White, who forfeited two world titles, earlier accepted a two-year suspension.

Another athlete have received sanctions for testing positive for THG or modafinil, two of the drugs linked to BALCO. Among them is Harrison's twin brother, Calvin, who received a two-year suspension.

Conn guard returns home

HARTFORD, Conn. — Connecticut freshman guard A.J. Price was released from Hartford Hospital on Monday, two weeks after being admitted with a brain hemorrhage.

Price has slowly improved since being airlifted to Hartford Hospital on Oct. 4. He was initially taken to a hospital near the campus in Storrs after complaining of a headache and flu-like symptoms.

Price spent 10 days in critical condition, and teammates were not allowed to see him. They received regular updates from coach Jim Calhoun.

"We had our hills and valleys," Calhoun said. "And on Sunday he was really, really good, stronger and more of himself. I do expect him to play basketball again, I just don't know when."

Sabres anticipate layoffs

BUFFALO, N.Y. — The Buffalo Sabres will lay off about 25 employees by the end of November if there is no resolution to the month-old NHL labor dispute.

Layoff notices were issued last



Annika Sorenstam was voted Sportswoman of the Year by the Women's Sports Foundation.

Friday, and the team confirmed the news in a statement it released this week, saying the decision was made "in response to the current uncertainty."

The Sabres had already cut dozens of jobs through attrition since last spring.

The NHL regular season, which was scheduled to start last week, has been disrupted since the league locked out its players on Sept. 15 following the expiration of the collective bargaining agreement.

WSF picks Sorenstam

NEW YORK — The accolades, like her putts, just keep rolling in for Annika Sorenstam. Sorenstam, winner of six LPGA Tour events this season, was selected Monday as Sportswoman of the Year by the Women's Sports Foundation.

Olympic beach volleyball gold

medalists Misty May and Kerri Walsh were honored in the team category.

Sorenstam, 34, is fresh off a victory in the Samsung World Championship on Sunday. She chipped in a 40-footer from the fringe for an eagle 3 on No. 15 en route to her 54th win.

"It's a great honor because (the Foundation is) striving every day to make more opportunities for girls and women available," she said in a statement.

The Women's Sports Foundation, founded by Billie Jean King, is marking its 30th anniversary. The awards dinner raises more than \$1 million annually for education and grant programs for girls and women in sports.

Philippines to expel six basketball players

MANILA, Philippines — Six Philippine basketball players have been told to leave the Philippines voluntarily or face deportation after the government accused them of faking their citizenship to play in the country's premier league.

Justice Secretary Raul Gonzales ordered deportation proceedings initiated against four Americans, a Tongan and an Australian after a Senate inquiry last year concluded they used fake birth certificates purportedly showing their parents were natural-born Filipinos, to claim their Filipino papers.

"Since we have already determined that they are undocumented aliens, we could order them detained pending the conclusion of the deportation proceedings against them," Gonzalez said. "If they don't want to experience this, they have the option of leaving the country voluntarily."

The players include Davon Harp, Jon Ordonio and Mick Pennisi of Red Bull Banko, Rudy Hatfield of Coca-Cola, Alex Crisano of Barangay Ginebra and Asi Taulava of Talk 'N Text.

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McCardell dealt to Chargers

Buccaneers get two draft picks for holdout WR

The Associated Press

TAMPA, Fla. — Tampa Bay holdout Keenan McCardell got what he wanted Tuesday when the Buccaneers traded him to San Diego for two picks in next year's NFL Draft.

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The 34-year-old wide receiver vowed to sit out the entire season if the Bucs did not give him a substantial raise over the \$2.5 million he was scheduled to be paid under a contract that would have paid him \$2.75 million in 2005.

The deal with the Chargers, who gave up third- and sixth-round draft picks, came just over a week after McCardell met with coach Jon Gruden in a bid to end the stalemate.

The trade came two days after San Diego's leading wide receiver, Reche Caldwell, hurt his right knee in a 21-20 loss at Atlanta.

Coach Marty Scotti declined to provide an update on the severity of Caldwell's injury on Monday, other than to say it was unlikely he'll play this week.

McCardell has 18 catches for 310 yards — an average of 17.2 yards per catch — and three scores this season. Tight end Antonio Gates leads the team with 37 catches for 422 yards and three scores.

McCardell, who signed with Tampa Bay as a free agent in 2002, was selected to the Pro Bowl in 2003 after he had 84 receptions for 1,174 yards and a career-high eight TDs.

Browns, Cowboys swap WRs

CLEVELAND — Antonio Bryant was traded from the Dallas Cowboys to the Cleveland Browns on Tuesday for Quincy Morgan.

The deal will provide fresh starts for the two receivers, both former second-round picks who have shown hints of becoming stars.

Bryant landed in coach Bill Parcells' doghouse during a workout in June when he threw a swat

jersey at Parcells' face because he was upset about playing behind Keyshawn Johnson and Terry Glenn.

Bryant was removed by security from the practice and didn't rejoin the team until training camp. He has 16 catches for 266 yards this season. Bryant caught 44 passes for 733 yards and six touchdowns and started 15 games as a rookie in 2002, before Parcells arrived. Last season, Bryant had 39 catches for 593 yards and two TDs and started five games.

Morgan has three touchdown catches this season, but was disappointed with his reduced role over the past 1½ seasons. He complained last week that he wasn't getting the ball enough.

Morgan had 38 catches for 516 yards and three TDs last season. A year earlier, the former Kansas State star had 56 receptions for 964 yards and seven TDs.

McNair, RB Brown likely to play for Tennessee

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — The Tennessee Titans got some good news about injuries on Monday.

Coach Jeff Fisher said running back Chris Brown, who left with an injured right shoulder midway the third quarter of Sunday's 20-10 loss to Houston, should be fine. Brown is still sore, but he has feeling back in his right arm.

The No. 2 rusher in the NFL has run for at least 100 yards in four of six starts. Brown's collision with Texans safety Jason Simms left the Houston player with a concussion on Sunday.

Steve McNair, coming off a four-interception performance, hurt his chest again. Fisher said this injury is lower in his chest than the bruised sternum that put McNair in the hospital for two nights last month, but it shouldn't be a problem.

Also on Monday, an MRI on safety Tank Williams' sore knee, which showed no damage.

Top tight end Ernie Kinney will miss his fourth straight game

NFL injury update

Injuries to prominent NFL players, followed by team's prognosis. (See Saturday's edition for complete injury report provided by the league.)

Alcorno: DE Angelo Hall (hip) expects to play.
Squaw: DE Byron Leftwich (ankle, shoulder) probable.
Shaw: DE Grant Wistrom (knee) out 4-6 weeks.

with a strained right calf when the Titans (2-4) injured Minnesota (4-1) on Sunday, and Chad Meier will need at least two weeks to recuperate after an appendectomy. That leaves rookie Ben Troupe as the team's only healthy tight end.

Henry will retain starting job as Buffalo's running back

ORCHARD PARK, N.Y. — Once healthy, running back Travis Henry will retain his job as the Buffalo Bills' starter, even after Willis McGahee's strong play in his first NFL start.

"Travis will be the starter and Willis will get more playing time as we go," coach Mike Mularkey said Monday. "I think due to injury, I don't think that's any case to make a change right now. [Henry] has been productive."

Mularkey's comments came a day after McGahee rushed for 111 yards and caught three passes for 31 yards in Buffalo's first victory of the season, a 20-13 win against Miami.

Henry is nursing a sprained left foot. His status for Sunday's game at Baltimore is unclear.

"I'm still not the starter," McGahee said Sunday. "Travis Henry is the starter. He was out



AFC rushing leader Chris Brown, who injured his right shoulder on Sunday, has run for 608 yards.

this week and I'm pretty sure he'll be back. And I'm looking forward to playing with him."

Quinn probable starter for Bears

LAKE FOREST, Ill. — Jonathan Quinn probably will keep his job as the Chicago Bears' starting quarterback, but rookie Craig Krenzel will get more practice this week.

Quinn struggled for a second straight start Sunday, completing 10 of 22 passes for 65 yards in a 13-10 loss to Washington.

The Bears play at Tampa Bay on Sunday.

"Right now Jonathan is our starter. We'll go through the week and at the end of the week see where we are," coach Louie Smith said Monday. "We'll decide a little later on who is going to what."

Carswell suspended one game

DENVER — Denver Broncos tight end Dwayne Carswell was suspended for one game Monday for violating the NFL's personal conduct policy, the result of pleading guilty to battery after a fight with his girlfriend last year.

Leg injury might force out R. Moss

By Dave Campbell

The Associated Press

EDEN PRAIRIE, Minn. — Randy Moss could miss a game for the first time in his NFL career, but the Minnesota Vikings won't decide before Friday whether he'll be forced out by a strained right hamstring.

Coach Mike Tice described the injury as more than mild, but Moss could be able to play a limited role in Sunday's home game against the Tennessee Titans.

"He's a freak," Tice said, "and he heals really quick."

Moss, who has played in 101 consecutive regular-season games, leads the league with eight touchdown catches. The All-Pro receiver was hurt in the second quarter of Sunday night's game in New Orleans when he tripped and fell after getting tangled with Saints safety Jay Bellamy on a pass that was intercepted in the end zone.

Moss played on the Vikings' next possession, but he wasn't thrown to and headed to the locker room after that drive. He cheered Minnesota's 38-31 victory from the sideline, wearing a gray track suit.

Meanwhile, rookie Mewelde Moore will start again this week at running back.

A knee injury has prevented Michael Bennett from playing in the regular season, and Onterio Smith has two games remaining on his four-game substance-abuse suspension.

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Raiders appease Rice, trade him to Seattle

By JANIE MCCAULEY

The Associated Press

ALAMEDA, Calif. — Jerry Rice is leaving the Bay Area, where he developed into the greatest receiver in NFL history with a relentless work ethic that still defines him today.

Disgruntled for weeks over a lack of playing time for the struggling Oakland Raiders, Rice got his wish of being traded to a contender when he dealt to the Seattle Seahawks on Monday.

The move reunites Rice with Seattle coach Mike Holmgren, Rice's former offensive coordinator in San Francisco.

The Seahawks announced the trade Tuesday after the trading deadline passed, confirming that the club will send Oakland a seventh-round draft pick in 2005 and will pay the balance of Rice's \$1.35 million base salary this season.

The 42-year-old Rice, in his 20th NFL season, said goodbye to his teammates Monday, even signing autographs for some before leaving. A trophy and his belongings remained in his locker.

"Yeah, we knew," fullback Zack Crockett, one of Rice's longtime friends, told the AP in a phone interview. "Right now, ev-

erything is so fresh. This is a real sad day. You lose a lot of close friends as well. We'll definitely miss him."

In one dramatic day, the last of Oakland's old guard was swept away. Earlier, injured quarterback Rich Gannon announced he won't return to the field for the Raiders this season because of a broken vertebra in his neck.

Gannon acknowledged that with longtime receiver Tim Brown already gone and Rice virtually out the door — and his own football future uncertain — this could mark the end of a special era for the Raiders.

"You could look at it that way,"

Gannon said. "Obviously, when you hire a new coach, there are some changes. I want to think of it as a beginning of an era."

Rice asked last week to be traded before Tuesday's deadline because he knew his role the rest of the season would continue to be minimal in new coach Norv Turner's offense. Earlier Monday, Seahawks coach Mike Holmgren said the team was looking into a possible deal.

"I could think it would give any team a boost, but really it's up to the Raiders," Holmgren said. "It's really their call."

Holmgren was Rice's offensive coordinator from 1989-91 with

the 49ers, and Holmgren was San Francisco's quarterbacks coach starting in Rice's second season with the team in 1986.

Seattle was a logical destination for Rice because he knows Holmgren's offense and Seahawks could use some help at receiver.

Rice wanted to play for a team that will give him a greater role, and Holmgren has agreed to provide him with a fresh start.

Rice has gone without a catch in three of five games this season, including Sunday's 31-3 loss to Denver when he didn't even get a pass thrown his way. His record receptions streak ended at 274 games.

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Defense contributes in Rams win

BY BARRY WILNER

The Associated Press

ST. LOUIS — Big plays are what the St. Louis Rams are all about.

Most of the time, those game-turning plays come on offense. On Monday night, the Rams got them from the defense, too, in a 28-21 victory over the Tampa Bay Buccaneers.

Torry Holt caught two long touchdown passes, and Adam Archuleta returned a fumble 93 yards for a score — one of four takeaways for St. Louis.

"That's something we wanted to establish as a defense," Archuleta said. "We hadn't been getting turnovers through the preseason and the first few games."

St. Louis came into the game with only two takeaways.

One week after a sensational late comeback in a victory over Seattle, the Rams (4-2) moved into sole possession of first place in the NFC West, a half-game in front of the Seahawks.

"It's very big," Archuleta said of moving in front of Seattle. "We had a couple tough losses early in the year where we were kind of struggling to get that momentum."

The Bucs (1-5) got to the St. Louis 15 on the final drive, but Aeneas Williams forced Tim Brown's fumble, and Jerametrius Butler recovered.

Holt beat double coverage to haul in a 36-yard pass from Marc Bulger with 10:46 remaining for the winning touchdown. The All-Pro receiver had a 52-yard TD on the first series and finished with six catches for 124 yards.

"We put it together tonight for some big plays," Holt said. "I wish we could wind it back to '99 and make it look easy. But now it's a challenge to us as football players and as a team to get those big plays."

Marshall Faulk had his 100th career rushing touchdown, a 1-yarder in the second quarter that tied it 14-14.

Archuleta made his steal midway through the third quarter, one play after Ian Gould's 31-yard interception return put the Bucs at the St. Louis 15. Michael Pittman ran left to the 7, where he was stripped by the Rams safety, who sped untouched down the left sideline.

Bucs coach Jon Gruden called the play to no avail.

"I think everybody in America could see he was down," Gruden said of Pittman.

"It's very frustrating," Pittman said. "I had one of the biggest turnovers, and I feel bad about it. I feel like I let my teammates down."

A fumble then helped the Bucs. Greg Spires' second sack of the game shook Bulger, who lost the ball at his 20. Anthony McFar-



Torry Holt celebrates the first of his two touchdown catches, this one on the Rams' first drive. Holt scored the game-winning in the fourth quarter as St. Louis beat Tampa Bay on Monday night.

land recovered and it led to Will Heller's 1-yard TD catch, tying it 21-21 heading into the fourth quarter.

Brian Griese was sharp and Michael Clayton was sensational on Tampa Bay's first two touchdowns drives. Griese completed his first nine passes, including throws of 19 and 9 yards to the rookie on the first scoring drive, which concluded with Mike Alstott's 1-yard power run. The march was set up by Torrie Cox's 59-yard kickoff return.

Early in the second quarter, Clayton beat DeJuan Groce deep for 44 yards, setting up a third-down 5-yard toss to Pittman for a 14-7 lead.

St. Louis' sloppiness was costly when an illegal block penalty negated Shaun McDonald's 82-yard punt return late in the first period. But then the Bucs made a more critical mistake.

On third down from their 7, John Wade's snap never made it to Griese, even though the quarterback was set up behind center, not in the shotgun. Leonard Little dove on the ball

for St. Louis at the 5.

It took the Rams four running plays to get into the end zone, with Faulk stretching the ball over the goal line for No. 100, the sixth player to reach that mark.

St. Louis opened the scoring on Bulger's 52-yarder to Holt just 2:20 into the game.

By halftime, Griese was 14-for-19 for 153 yards passing, but the score was 14-14. Tampa's Martin Gramatica missed field goals of 35 and 48 yards, both wide left, the second miss caused partly by a poor snap.

Jeff Wilkins, who sprained his left ankle earlier, was very short on a 56-yard attempt on the final play of the half for the Rams. He also missed wide right on 44 yards with 1:09 remaining in the game.

Griese finished 27-for-40 for 286 yards and Clayton had eight receptions for 142 yards.

"Against a team like this, you can't turn the ball over like that," Griese said. "It felt like we did some good things offensively. Turnovers hurt us."

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	W	L	T	Pct	PP	PA
New England	5	0	0	1.000	135	63
N.Y. Jets	0	0	1	1.000	120	89
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Tennessee	2	4	0	.333	121	138
Pittsburgh	5	1	0	.833	136	114
Baltimore	3	2	0	.600	97	79
Cleveland	3	3	0	.500	116	113
Cincinnati	3	4	0	.429	83	148
Denver	5	1	0	.833	130	77
San Diego	3	3	0	.500	160	136
Oakland	2	4	0	.333	98	150
Kansas City	1	4	0	.200	105	132

National Conference

	W	L	T	Pct	PP	PA
Philadelphia	5	0	0	1.000	137	63
N.Y. Giants	5	0	0	1.000	104	72
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Washington	4	0	0	.333	84	95
Atlanta	2	0	0	.833	119	86
New Orleans	4	0	0	.833	123	165
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Tampa Bay	1	5	0	.167	90	117
Minnesota	1	0	0	.800	150	125
Detroit	3	2	0	.600	88	110
Green Bay	2	4	0	.333	117	152
Chicago	1	4	0	.200	78	89
St. Louis	4	2	0	.667	144	134
Seattle	3	2	0	.600	112	76
Arizona	1	4	0	.200	87	87
San Francisco	1	5	0	.167	105	159

Monday's game

St. Louis 28, Tampa Bay 21

Monday

Rams 28, Buccaneers 21

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First Quarter

StL—Holt 52 pass from Bulger (Wilkins kick), 12:12

TB—Alstott 1 run (Gramatica kick), 9:14

Second Quarter

TB—Pittman 5 pass from Griese (Gramatica kick), 13:00

StL—Holt 1 run (Wilkins kick), 12:39

TB—Archuleta 93 fumble return (Wilkins kick), 7:24

StL—Heller 1 pass from Griese (Gramatica kick), 1:37

Fourth Quarter

StL—Holt 36 pass from Bulger (Wilkins kick), 10:46

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First downs

Total net yards

Rushes-yards

Passing

Punt Returns

Kickoff Returns

Interceptions Ret.

Sacked-Yards Lost

Fumbles-Lost

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Time of Possession

Individual Statistics

Rushing—Tampa Bay: Pittman 13-37, Alstott 15-11, Griese 4-1, St. Louis: Clayton 8-142, er 4-30, Pittman 4-15, Lee 3-31, Heller 2-21, Al-

Passing—Tampa Bay: Griese 27-40-396, St. Louis: Bulger 18-30-1264,

Missed field goals—Tampa Bay: Gramatica 1-32, 48 (WL), St. Louis: Wilkins 56 (SH), 44 (WR).

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A WEEKLY LOOK AT LOCAL SPORTS

youthful Kinnick reaching higher

Without stars of 2003, Devils' volleyball team has improved

BY DAVE ORNAUER
Stars and Stripes

Erica Niemeyer might have found it tough to fill the void left by Alison Gilson and middle blocker Carol Tully, who was one of Nile C. Kinnick High School's best female athletes.

But instead of trying to follow their act, Niemeyer and the Red Devils have created one of their own this year.

After losing on Oct. 2 to Seisen International and falling to 6-5 overall, the Red Devils won eight consecutive matches before losing Saturday to Robert D. Edgren at Misawa Air Base.

Kinnick's 14-6 record is a turnaround from last year's 10-2 regular-season mark achieved with Tully, who graduated in June, and Gilson, who transferred.

"We've always been our own selves," said Niemeyer, a junior who along with sophomore Katie Wilkinson has filled Gilson's and Tully's roles admirably. "We weren't born as Carol. We have our own style of doing things. We put it all together and create our own team."

The Red Devils have gotten contributions from every player, not just the stars.

"Not all the talent is concentrated on one person," said Mariko Wood, a sophomore who has taken over the role of Jackie Jimenez, who set a season ago for Tully and Gilson. "Everybody has to do their job. Everybody is good at what they do."

And it also has the team believing that good things are in store for next month's Far East Class AA Tournament on Okinawa. Last year the team placed eighth, its best showing since finishing fourth in 1995.

"We can do much better," Wilkinson said.

Bold talk for a school that has just one final-four finish in a Far East Class AA tournament (1982).



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Kinnick sophomore Katie Wilkinson has been a solid replacement for middle blockers Carol Tully (graduated) and Alison Gilson (transferred).

"You have to get the other people to work together and share the job, share the work," said Henry Falk, the team's first-year coach. "And they're doing that. It's been

a collective effort. It has to be. If it's not, we're not going to win."

The 25-13, 25-7, 25-16 loss to Seisen might have been the turning point, coach and players said.



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"They saw how a team really does a good job, and they kind of took some lessons from it," Falk said.

"I think we realized what we needed to work on," Wilkinson said of things such as court coverage, reading opponents' hits and not being predictable on offense. "We're trying to fix them. We've been getting quicker, staying on our toes, being ready for everything."

Road trips and lengthy bus rides have helped the team become cohesive, Wilkinson said.

"We like each other," she said. "Not just in games or practice but we do things off the court. We have classes together. We go to dinner, hang out, shop together. They're interesting bus rides. They're very fun. Without them, we wouldn't be as close."

Other coaches have noticed Kinnick's surprising run.

"I see consistency, more so than at the beginning," said Sarah Richardson of Robert D. Edgren, which lost a four-set season-opening match to Kinnick on Sept. 11 and lost two of three matches to the Red Devils last weekend.

"They play well as a team. They move well. They cover really well. It's very hard to get a kill on them. They have consistent servers, and they're hard servers. And they have that back-row hitting down pat."

The Far East Class AA tournament has been dominated by schools from Guam (10 titles) and the Tokyo area (eight). Only one DODIS-Pacific school, Zama American, has won a Class AA title (1979, 81, 88 and 97). Zama has finished second four times. Seoul American is the only other DODIS-Pacific school to reach Center Court, losing to Guam's Academy of Our Lady in 1999.

Teams such as Seisen "know where every single hole is, and we can read your spikes like a book," Wilkinson said.

"We have a more rounded team and hopefully more options that we can present, that they can't just zero in on one hitter," Falk said. "If we can get our hitters together, the serving going and the defense covering, if we play it right, it can happen again."

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This week's schedule

Japan

Football
Friday, Oct. 22
Zama at Misawa, 7 p.m.
Saturday, Oct. 23
Nile C. Kinnick at Tegu, 7 p.m.
Girls volleyball
Friday, Oct. 22
Yokota at Seisen International, 7 p.m.
E.J. King and Zama American at Makinohara, 5 p.m.; Perry, 5 p.m.; School of the Sacred Heart at ASU, 7 p.m.; Yokota at Nile C. Kinnick, 7 a.m.
Saturday, Oct. 23
Yokota at ASU, 10 a.m.; CAJ at Nile C. Kinnick, 10 a.m.; Zama and E.J. King at Matthew C. Perry, 10 a.m.
Tuesday, Oct. 26
CAJ at Yokota, 7 p.m.; Nile C. Kinnick at American School in Japan, 7 p.m.
Tennis
Saturday, Oct. 23
St. Mary's Int'l and Seisen International at CAJ, 9 a.m.; Int'l School of the Sacred Heart at ASU (girls), 9 a.m.; Yokota and E.J. King at Nile C. Kinnick, 9 a.m.
Cross country
Saturday, Oct. 23
Kanto Plain championship, Tama Hills Recreation Center, 9 a.m.

Korea

Football
Saturday, Oct. 23
Seoul Amer. at Taegu Amer., 2 p.m.
Volleyball
Friday, Oct. 22
Taegu Amer. at Seoul Amer., 3:30 p.m.; International Christian-Pyongyang, Centennial Christian and Korea International at Pusan American, 3:30 p.m.; Seoul International at Osan American, 4 p.m.
Saturday, Oct. 23
Osan American at Taegu Christian International, 2 a.m.; Taegu American at International Christian-Seisen, 2 a.m.; International Christian-Pyongyang, Centennial Christian and Korea International at Pusan American, 9 a.m.
Wednesday, Oct. 27
Seoul American at Taegu Christian International, 3:30 p.m.; Seoul Foreign at Osan American, 4 p.m.
Friday, Oct. 22
Taegu Amer. at Seoul Amer., 3:30 p.m.; Seoul International at Taegu Amer., 4 p.m.
Saturday, Oct. 23
Osan American at Taegu Christian International, 3 a.m.; Taegu American at International Christian-Seisen, 3 a.m.; Pusan Amer. at Seoul American, 9 a.m.
Wednesday, Oct. 27
Seoul Int'l at Osan American, 4 p.m.
Seoul American at Taegu Christian International, 3:30 p.m.; Seoul Foreign at Osan American, 4 p.m.
Cross country
Saturday, Oct. 23
Osan American at Taegu Christian International and International Christian at Seoul International, 10 a.m.; Pusan American, Seoul American and Seoul Foreign at Taegu American, 10 a.m.

Game of the week

Football
Kubasaki Samurai (6-0) at Kadensha High School (6-0)
When: 5 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 23
Where: Kadensha High School, Kadensha Air Base, Okinawa.
Notes: The Islanders can post their first regular season since winning their first Far East Academy Council championship in 1980. The Samurai seek to tie the regular season 5-2 and capture the second seed in the playoffs.
Notes: The Islanders, class of 1996, place a week earlier than expected, beating the Kubasaki Shogun 25-7 last Friday, while the Samurai fell 27-14 to the Kadensha Buccaneers. The Samurai continue to rebound from last season's 1-7 campaign and aim for their second championship in three years.
Players to watch: Senior running back Keith Loving is emerging as the centerpiece of the Islanders' offense. In five games, Loving has rushed for 257 yards and eight touchdowns on 79 carries. Junior Justin Daugherty is becoming an offensive force for the Islanders, posting 8-for-32 for 86 yards in the first three games. The Islanders have 15-for-38 for 248 yards with four TDs in his past two contests.

ATHLETES OF THE WEEK

Keith Loving

Football
Kadensha Islanders, Okinawa

Last week: Rushed 29 times for 246 yards and two touchdowns to boost the Islanders to their first Okinawa league football since 1996.

Loving's 38-yard touchdown run broke a 14-14 tie and led the Islanders past the Kadensha Buccaneers 27-14 on Oct. 12. Three days later, he ran eight times for 110 yards and had an 8-yard TD to help



the Islanders beat the Kubasaki Shogun 25-7.

"Keith is one of the most skilled running backs whom I've had the opportunity to coach," Islanders coach Sergio Mendoza said. "Keith has a great ability to find a seam and a quick explosion to it. He is a powerful runner who keeps his legs moving. He also has the ability to fluctuate into a finesse, cut-back runner. His most impressive attribute is his desire to better himself."

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Amanda Reiff

Tennis
Osan American, South Korea

Last week: Went 3-0 in singles matches to help the Cougars fight team win three road matches in four days.

Reiff, a senior who moved into Osan's top singles spot after Missica Umemoto graduated, began the week by topping Michelle Lee 6-2 on Oct. 12 in Osan's 3-2 victory over Seoul Foreign.

Reiff blanked Jin McBride 6-0 in the



Cougars's 5-0 shutout at Taegu American on Friday. The next day Reiff ousted Pusan American's Mary Edwards 6-1 in another 5-0 victory.

"She has made major improvements every year in her games," coach E. Barker said of Reiff, who's played at Osan since eighth grade and helped Osan finish fourth in last year's Far East tournament. "Amanda has been one of the vital links in the success of many aspects of Osan American High's activities."

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Kent becomes Superman

Astros lead NLCS 3-2 after HR in ninth ends pitchers' duel

BY BEN WALKER
The Associated Press

HOUSTON — Only when Brandon Backe and Woody Williams were done did the hitters have any chance.

That's when Jeff Kent stepped up and put the Houston Astros one win from the World Series.

Pitching suddenly took over these playoffs Monday night, when Backe and Williams hooked up in one of the greatest October duels — only four hits in all, the fewest ever in a postseason game. Kent ended it, launching a three-run homer in the ninth inning to lift the Astros over St. Louis 3-0 for a 3-2 edge in the NL championship series.

Each team had only one single until Houston came to bat in the bottom of the ninth.

"He was on tonight, just like I was," Backe said. "When you feel as good as I did out there and felt in the rhythm that I was in, you just feel like nobody can hit you."

Neither team's sluggers did anything until Carlos Beltran — who else? — led off the ninth with a single. After an intentional walk to Lance Berkman with one out, Kent hammered a ball off the limestone facade in left field.

Kent flipped his bat after he connected, tossed off his helmet as he headed home and said, "One more, one more."

He was right. Because after the Astros' third straight win, one more victory will put them in the World Series for the first time.

Game 6 will be back in St. Louis on Wednesday, with Matt Morris starting for St. Louis. Roger Clemens may pitch on three days' rest for the Astros — manager Phil Garner said he will announce his choice on Tuesday's off-day.



DALLAS MORNING NEWS-AP

Jeff Kent sets off a wild celebration among Astros teammates and fans with his game-winning, three-run home run in the bottom of the ninth inning against the Cardinals in Game 5 of the NLCS on Monday. Houston now leads the series 3-2 with Game 6 Wednesday in St. Louis.

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